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Republics at war as Russia drafts reserves

Gorbachov attacks anti-reform 'rabble'

From Michael Binyon, Moscow

General Yazov, calling the situation a "major disaster",

said there were too few regular

interior ministry troops to keep order. He said the re-

servists as a rule were "young

men who recently served in

the army and do not have families of their own."

The death toll in the clashes

esterday rose to 66 and the

interior ministry said 220

people - including 26 police, and 31 soldiers - had been

injured. More than 200 homes

have been ransacked or set on

fire, and there had been 66

raids on armouries and Soviet

government buildings. Troops

had arrested more than 100

The soldiers were empowered on Wednesday to

open fire in self-defence and

on militants attacking ammu-

nition depots, but so far there

have been no reports of their

Road blocks were still being

set up in Azerbaijan and militants have enforced a virtual blockade of transit

traffic to Armenia and Na-

gorno-Karabakh, the disputed

Armenian enclave inside

water mains in two districts of

supply in Stepanakert, the capital of the hilly region,

In Yerevan, the Armenian

capital, electricity and heating

have become erratic, and

transport is running irregu-

larly. The city has only enough

fuel for a few more days, and a

big alluminium plant has shut

Armed groups are still

down because of power cuts.

roaming the countryside, cap-

turing weapons, ammunition

and equipment. A unit of

3,000 Armenian militants sur-

rounded the village of Kerki in

Nakhichevan, the Azerbaijani

enclave wedged between Armenia and Iran, and opened

fire, but Tass said no-one was

Meanwhile, the flight of

Armenians from Baku gath-

ered pace with 4,658 leaving

the city since Wednesday.

Armenian television showed

scenes at the airport in Yere-

van where old men, women

and children with swollen

faces tearfully recounted how

they were were forced to run.

ing of the General Medical

Council yesterday by admit-

ting that for 14 years he had behaved unethically by oper-

ating on donors without first

meeting them and ascertain-

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Mr Michael Joyce, Consul-

pital, London, was at one

Lord Hope: Praise for acting

promptly over ramours.

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having done so.

Azerbaijan.

Empire in disarray ...

nians in their path.

guest houses and sanitoria.

Armenia of armed aggression

in sending helicopters to shoot

means of destruction cannot

than war," he told a press

He said any attempt by the

Soviet forces to impose a

curfew in Baku would only

inflame passions there. And

he accused Moscow of "furi-

ous mistakes" by its in-

decisiveness in not curbing

Armenian claims to Nagorno-

In Baku, thousands of

people demonstrated outside

the Communist Party head-

Karabakh from the start.

Military action with the

at Azerbaijani villagers.

Muscovites.

Guerrillas also blew up the use of helicopters and other

Nagorno-Karabakh, with the be described as anything other

conference.

and Iran.

President Gorbachov yesterday condemned "extremists, vandals and criminals" who were fanning conflict in the Trans-Caucasus, as Azerbaijani officials declared their republic was at war with neighbouring Armenia.
He also harshly criticGorbachov attack.

ized conservative oppopents of his reforms, calling them "rabble" who wished to halt democratization for their own

"unseemly ends". The Soviet leader was addressing a meeting of workers and intellectuals in Moscow, as armed raids, arson and violent clashes continued unabated between Armenians

and Azerbaijanis in the south. General Danitry Yazov, the Defence Minister, called up Soviet reservists as the 11,000 troops already in the troubled region fought to regain control of the situation.

The reservists are being used to guard roads and military bases, keep open

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Sooner wed than dead?

"From adolescence onwards sexuality and relationships can have all kinds of effects on our health." The Times Guide to Healthy Living

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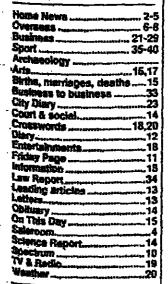
PLATINUM

There was only one winner of yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize (see page 3). Today's chance to win £2,000 is on page 29

Bank bought

National Australia Bank, the third biggest in Australia, mounted a strong foreign challenge in British retail banking yesterday by announcing the purchase of Yorkshire Bank for £976.5 million, NAB, which also owns the Clydesdale Bank. Ulster's Northern Bank and the National Irish Bank will become the United Kingdom's eighth biggest bank in terms of profits......... Page 21

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Reliving the baby snatch | Patten offers



Miss Caroline Taylor in a reconstruction yesterday of the abduction of a baby girl from St But Mr Patten still had a Thomas's Hospital, south London. Inset: Photolit of the wanted woman. Report: Page 2. difficult ride from Conser-

concessions to Tory poll tax rebels

By Robin Oakley and Nicholas Wood

Mr Chris Patten last night vative MPs as he sought to offered two last-minute conjustify the thinking behind the cessions to buy off Conservative backbench rebels over

The Secretary of State for the Environment promised MPs that he was ready to review the new formula for allocating Whitehall grants to town and county halls if they proved to discriminate against Tory authorities.

Second, he pledged that he would not hesitate to use his powers to "cap" increases if they occurred at the "horrendous" levels that had been suggested by some Labour

the Prime Minister led a authorities. rearguard action to save the community charge from a humiliating rebuff and to head off one of the biggest backbench revolts she has faced in 10 years.

against potential defeat on vital orders bringing the finaninto effect, Mr Patten made

"flagship" legislation. Mrs Margaret Thatcher her- £650 million. self appealed to her MPs to concentrate their fire on extravagant Labour authori-

past few days in a desperate was given a rough ride by his attempt to stave off defeat, backbench critics. and they undoubtedly did enough to placate some critics. tensions, he took nearly 20 in

grant distribution.

A succession of Tory backbenchers rose to question him, illustrating the deep anxiety party about the poll tax and its

electoral consequences. The rebels, who nearly two years ago cut the Government's majority to 25, have been joined in the past six

months by a significant group of right-wing opponents who have been swayed on learning of the penalty the charge will The concessions came as exact from Conservative

But some Conservative critics of the community charge saw the concessions as only marginal - there was no promise of any "new money" and they were predicting As the Government battled that there would still be a big turnout for this Parliament of Tory MPs against their own Government.

Mr Patten specifically ruled the concessions, with the out extra money to pay for the Prime Minister at his side to safety net switching money underline her personal stake from rich to poor areas from in the final passage of her its inception, saying there were better ways of spending

He also refused extra cash to help the transition from rates to the community charge in ties rather than attacking the low-rated areas, warning that overnment. this would only The concessions had been encouragelocal authorities to mentioned privately to some spend even more. Addressing a doubting Tory MPs during the rowdy Commons, Mr Patten

In an attempt to defuse the But Mr Patten still had a terventions by Tory MPs in

Pay awards threat

Jobless figures warning

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

Mr Michael Howard, the new Employment Secretary, yesterday warned that big pay awards threaten jobs as the downward movement of unemployment slows after falls for 41 consecutive months.

The pound responded well,

quarters yesterday, demanding the removal of Soviet His warning accompanied troops from the republic. One figures showing that season-Azerbaijani party member said the local party appeared adjusted unemployment fell by 17,100 last month to 1,634,900. This was the smallto have lost control of the situation. He said the natest drop for three years.

ionalist Popular Front commanded huge support instead. The Soviet Red Cross and Red Crescent societies yesterday appealed for a truce to allow civilians to leave dangerous areas. They also called on militants to allow through food and baby food, medi-

cines and warm clothing for

rising 0.3 points on its tradeweighted index to 88.1, but fears about inflation and the Ford workers' rejection of a 10.2 per cent offer knocked £7 billion off share prices. The FT-SE index of the leading 100 shares ended 37 points Continued on page 20, col 7 | lower at 2,336.9.

Retail price information to be published today is expected to show that price rises accelerated to an annual rate of 7.9 per cent last month from 7.7 per cent.

In the Commons, Mr John Major, the Chancellor, said that interest and mortgage rates would not be brought down until inflation is falling.

Full report....

Mr Howard said that while average earnings held steady, with annual growth of 9.25 per cent in November, unit wage costs were rising faster than in Britain's main competitors, putting jobs at risk.

In the third quarter, unit Government economic wage costs were 9.6 per cent incompetence," he said.

higher across the whole economy than a year earlier. This was the highest level since 1981, and augurs badly for future inflation.

Mr Howard said: "Job creation and lower unemployment will not continue unless nay settlements take account of the long-term competitive position of individual firms in all the circumstances which

they face." Mr Tony Blair, the shadow employment secretary, said the underlying trend of yesterday's figures should destroy Government complacency on unemployment. "It is clear that the unemployed will be expected to pay the price of

Terry Marsh charged with Warren shooting

world light-welterweight boxing champion, was charged last night with the attempted murder of Mr Frank Warren, his former manager.

Mr Marsh, aged 31, who was further charged with possessing 10 rounds of 9mm ammunition without a firearms certificate, will appear before magistrates at Barking, east London, today.

Mr Marsh was being held at Barking police station last night. He was questioned by boxing tournament.

Terry Marsh, the former the police after returning to Gatwick Airport from the United States on Wednesday. The former fire officer, of

Basildon, Essex, retired as undefeated world champion in 1987 after disclosing that he was suffering from epilepsy. Mr Warren, aged 37, made a speedy recovery from chest wounds after being shot at

close range by a masked gunman seven weeks ago as he stepped from car at Barking, where he was due to attend a

Howe leaves it to Scots to resolve judge scandal was wholly deplorable. "I've never

> years - not even a whiff of such a Lord Dervaird, aged 55, was advised shortly before Christmas to resign or face an inquiry. His resignation was

announced on December 22 - less than two years after he went on the bench. During questions to Sir Geoffrey

about next week's business in the Commons, Mr Jim Sillars, Scottish National MP for Govan, demanded a statement on the resignation next week. He said: "It is far better that the Government come clean now than people believe there is a cover up".

Later Mr Dennis Canavan, Labour MP for Falkirk West, also demanded a

Fraud charges against Mr removal from the Northern Kevin Taylor, the property developer at the heart of the Mr Stalker was suspended

Stalker friend cleared

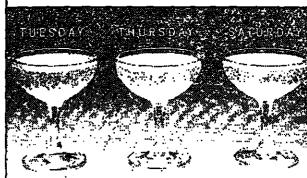
Stalker affair, were thrown out yesterday in what Mr John Stalker described as his final vindication".

Mr Stalker, the former Manchester deputy chief con-stable who had been at the head of the "shoot-to-kill" inquiry into the Royal Ulster Constabulary, said the prosecution of his friend had been entirely sourious. "It was a contrivance to justify my

Mr Stalker was suspended from duty and removed from the inquiry as a result of the investigations which led Mr Taylor to Manchester Crown Court on fraud charges.

But yesterday, Mr Michael Corkery, QC, for the prosecution, said it would not be proper to proceed with the 16week trial after defence coun-sel submitted detectives had misled a judge when they won Continued on page 20, col 1

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Kidney surgeon admits 14 years of unethical practice By John Young A leading kidney surgeon listening to the evidence of all eight charges after one of

astonished a disciplinary hear- four Turkish witnesses who, it them had been amended to is alleged, were paid to donate state that he had unwittingly their kidneys. "Dreadful", he

Full report. Photograph :

point reduced to tears when relation to the alleged pay-

asked how he had felt while ments. Yesterday, he admitted

replied. It was "an appalling Story" Mr Joyce is one of three tant Urologist at Guy's Hos- doctors charged with serious

professional misconduct in

By Richard Ford

Political Correspondent

Government ministers yesterday re-

fused to become involved in the

controversy surrounding the resignation

of a Scottish High Court judge, amid

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Leader of the

allegations of homosexuality.

human organs. He said that at the time the operations took place in 1988. he did not think he was doing anything wrong.

He had never been aware of any ethical guidelines but, after listening to the views of eminent surgeons at the hearing, he realized that he had

taken part in the sale of

suspicions of an "establishment cover up". Sir Geoffrey insisted that the known anything like this before in all my conduct of judges in Scotland was a matter for Lord Hope, the equivalent to the Lord Chief Justice in England.

He praised Lord Hope for having taken "prompt action to dispel rumours about events concerning the conduct of judges" north of the border.

House, rejected demands in the Com-As Sir Geoffrey resisted pressure for a mons for a Government statement on statement, a former Master of the Rolls the resignation of Lord Dervaird who said any homosexual judge would be at resigned after allegations of homosexualrisk from blackmail. Lord Denning said ity were put to him by Lord Hope, the that although homosexuality was not Lord President of the Court of Session. illegal "it could be an element of Backbench MPs from all sides of the blackmail against a judge". Commons said yesterday that without a

He added: "Judges should be above

Lord Denning said aithough homosexuality was not a criminal offence, it

statement on the issue.

statement on the resignation and other allegations concerning the activities of some other judges in Scotland whispering would continue and there would be

NEWS ROUNDUP

Date for Wrens to join warships

time later this year, the Government is to announce next month (Ray Clancy writes). Ministers have won a fierce battle with admirals over the issue.

It is expected that about 1,500 of the 3,400 shore-based Wrens will take up the opportunity. They are likely to become radio and computer operators, stewards and

possibly weapons officers and radar operators. Whitehall sources indicated last night, however, that the arguments were far from over. The admirals are worried about the effect on morale and discipline.

However, Mr Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, recently visited a Dutch navy ship where women have been serving since 1981.

He was told that women are, if anything, more efficient at communications and computer operation than men and that fears about sexual tension had proved unfounded. Secrecy battle, page 4

Purley rail crash trial

The driver of the express train involved in the crash at Purley, Surrey, in which five people died was yesterday committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court. Robert Morgan, aged 47, of Ferring, West Sussex, faces two manslaughter charges and one of endangering lives. More than 80 people were hurt in the crash on March 4 last year.

Mr Morgan was remanded on unconditional bail by

Croydon magistrates until the hearing, on a date to be fixed. He is accused of the unlawful killing of Mr Colin Albert Clark and of Mr Eric Simper.

No strangers to drugs

Many children in Liverpool have a "street wise" knowledge of drug taking, pointing out dealers near their schools to teachers, a schools inspectors report said yesterday (David Tytler writes). The report into health education in 10 Liverpool primary schools said pupils often found discarded hypodermic syringes. "It is important that all schools provide education about drugs and it is unfortunate that some schools are deterred from this by a fear that such provision might imply to parents that the school itself has a problem with children using drugs," the report said.

Cigarette brands to go

The tobacco manufacturer John Player is to end production of six of its top-selling brands, including such famous names

Imperial Tobacco, the parent company, blames a slump in sales. The lines to go are Gold Leaf, No 6 King Size and No 6 Filter, No 10, and John Player Kingsize, both ordinary and low tar. John Player, based in Nottingham, will continue to produce three brands: Superkings, John Player Special and Players Navy Cut. Imperial Tobacco said: "These days the sales of the six brands are fairly small."

IV appointments

The Government yesterday made two further appointments to the Independent Television Commission, which will allocate licences to all television channels under plans to shake up broadcasting (Richard Ford writes). Professor Sean Fulton, senior pro vice-chancellor at Queen's University, Belfast, and Mr Pranlal Sheth, a barrister, join Mr George Russell, Lord Chalfont, Lady Popplewell and Professor James Ring as members of the commission, which was set up in shadow from January 1, this year

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New, unqualified support workers are to start working in the health service this summer, initially in areas where there are high vacancy rates for professionally qualified nurses (Jill Sherman writes). Mr Duncan Nichol, NHS chief executive, said that the new "health care assistants" would help with general patient care, leaving the most highly trained staff to concentrate on clinical care. The move is designed to help to overcome an expected fall in the number of students entering professional nurse training in the 1990s.

MEPs attacked for 'interfering' in dispute

Conservative MPs reacted furiously last night to an attempt by the European Parliament to interfere" in the ambulance dispute.

As union leaders were faced with mounting pressure to hold a ballot for an all-out strike, the MEPs passed an emergency motion tabled by the Strasbourg Parliament's socialist group and the independent Rainbow coalition which called on the British Government to "recognize the need for independent binding arbitration" to quickly end the dispute.

The socialist-dominated Parliament voted 105 to 45 to send a resolution to the Government blaming the deadlock over the dispute wholly on its "refusal to countenance the introduction of an automatic pay-fixing system to settle future wage demands".

The resolution, initiated by the British Labour group, marks the first big attack on Mrs Margaret Thatcher by the 180-strong socialist group since she rejected the Social Charter at the EC summit in December. The emergency resolution mentions Mrs Thatcher's lone stand against the charter, saying: The Government's opposition to the maintenance of basic workers' rights has resulted in

the erosion of UK labour law." Mr Jonathan Aitken, Conservative MP for Thanet South, said: "Whatever the rights and wrongs of the dispute it is no business whatever of the European Parliament to start interfering in a matter which is entirely the

Mr Teddy Taylor, Tory MP for Southend East, said: "This has no relevance whatsoever other than being a mark of frustration at their lack of power. If the European Parliament closed down tomorrow no one would notice."

With no sign of an end to the dispute, more crews walked out on strike yesterday despite pleas by union leaders to maintain a basic 999

In London, the strike spread as two more crews joined colleagues at Tottenham who have been on unofficial strike since Tuesday. London Ambulance Service denied union claims that they were anticipating an all-out strike by removing vital medical equipment from ambulances. Nupe officials alleged that management personnel had visited more than 30 stations to remove the equipment.

Crews in stations in West Sussex alea remained on strike as union leaders tried to prevent their colleagues in Manchester from taking similar action. In Wales, crews in South Glamorgan warned they would set up their own alternative emergency service unless

managers restored full pay to all employees. And in Clwyd, ambulancemen were planning a 24-hour strike which could lead to the Army being called in.

Both sides were urged to return to the negotiating table by the Church of Scotland. A statement said no dispute, "however important", was worth jeopardizing lives.

Ford workers split on vote for national wage strike

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

Ford's 32,000 workers could awards than from interest be split over whether to call a national strike as the company's most skilled blue-collar workers demand bigger rises.

Ford believes that the pay offer, which has been criticized by government ministers, may win acceptance from assembly line workers in secret ballots starting on Tuesday.

The assembly workers, the biggest single group making up a third of the bourly-paid workforce, have been offered an extra 3 per cent on a basic stage of a two-year agreement. The second year will bring at least 8 per cent, making up rises of £41 a week.

However, skilled maintenance workers, who provoked a series of wildcat disputes this week, look certain to hold out for more in an effort to boost differentials over unskilled and semi-skilled workers.

They are also angry at Ford plans to introduce special manufacturing teams of key groups of workers, who will receive rises of 20.2 per cent in return for training to operate nigh-technology equipment.

The special teams will get only 30 days training, they claim, undermining the key position of skilled technicians and craftsmen. The Government voiced

regret last night at the Ford workers' action as ministers intensified their warnings against inflation.

Mr Richard Ryder, Econoomic Secretary to the Treasury, told the Commons that

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rates. He was replying to Mr Andrew Mackay, Conservative MP for Berkshire East, who spoke of disappointment at the Ford offer and its "irresponsible rejection" by the unions. Mr Ryder said excessive pay awards ultimately caused unemployment unless they were matched by increases in productivity.

Mr John Major, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that productivity was vital to competitiveness and profit-10.2 per cent offer for the first ability and the opening up opportunities for investment jobs and prosperity.

Union anger was under-tined at Ford's plant at Halewood, Merseyside, where a three-day unofficial strike continued yesterday, halting production of 1,100 Escorts and Orions.

The main Dagenham plant was back to normal after a 24hour wildcat strike timed to coincide with pay negotiations in London on Wednesday. At Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, 1,500 workers voted to return to work today. The Halewood action takes

the company's losses from wildcat strikes this week to nearly £60 million. More than 400 craftsmen at Merseyside have caused the lay-off of 6,000 production workers in their protest over the special teams programme.

The results of the ballot will be announced next Thursday. A strike vote will mean the shutdown of Ford's 21 British plants from the last shift on industry had more to fear Friday night in a repeat of the from inflation and high pay damaging strike two years ago.

Yesterday, a police press had declined to take part.

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Miss Taylor wore a beige industry had more to fear Friday night in a repeat of the

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worth £1,250 or more per person.

Head defends Muslim scarves



Muslim pupils wearing traditional headscarves yesterday at Cheetham Church of England community school in Manchester. Mr Paul Barnes, the headmaster, said it was ridiculous of governors at Altrincham girls grammar school, in Trafford, Manchester, to suspend two Muslim sisters aged 15 and 14 since the start of term for wearing the scarves.

Hospital baby snatch re-enacted

A bogus health worker who snatched a three-day-old baby girl from a south London hospital last week was stopped and questioned by a doctor on her way out, police disclosed

The woman, who called berself "Christine", was stopped as she was leaving by the fire escape by a doctor concerned at the age of the baby she was carrying.

She told him it was two weeks' old, was reluctant to talk further and left, police

Student

loans may

go private

By Nick Wood and Sam Kiley

Ministers have not abandoned

hopes of persuading the pri-

vate sector to run the Govern-

ment's student loans scheme.

it emerged yesterday, in the wake of the disclosure that the

Prime Minister was "fizzing

with fury" at the last-minute

refusal of High Street banks to

"Christine" in a reconstruc- raincoat, cream blouse, brown in her arms. This was decotion of the abduction of baby Alexandra Griffiths. Miss Caroline Taylor, who

bears a close resemblance to the bogus health worker who took Alexandra from St Thomas's Hospital, twice reenacted the crime, in which a real baby was not used, exactly one week after the original abduction.

Police hope the reconstruction will jog the memory of eone who might have seen the abduction. Miss Dawn Griffiths, the baby's mother,

skirt, gold necklace and high heel dark leather shoes, the She went first to the Haydon

Ward on the seventh floor, where the bogus health visitor had chatted with Patricia and Keith Hocking, whose baby escaped her attention because he was in a special care mait. Like "Christine", Miss

Taylor then went down the fire escape staircase to the Grosvenor Ward on the sixth floor, from where Alexandra was

She left with a carrycot nest

rated with blue and yellow elephants and teddy bears, similar to the one "Christine" was believed to be carrying. Detective Superintendent

John Bassett, leading the inquiry, said that in spite of more than 1.500 calls to the police, the inquiry had made

He criticized houxers whose He targed doctors, milkmen, and baby shop staff to be on the alert for any unusual or suspicious orders or

Hong Kong resettlement

Ministers resist calls to defer nationality plans

would not be eligible for con-

administer the service. Ministers believe that once the system is running it will be possible, after the next election, to seil the loans company to the highest bidder.

Although they deny that Mrs Thatcher threatened the banks with "retribution" they believe there would be poetic justice in a state concern, salvaged from the banks' withdrawal, giving rise to a private sector challenge to their hold on the student market.

Meanwhile, Mr Robert Jackson, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, said the word "retribution" had not been used by Mr John MacGregor, his Secretary of State, when conveying Mrs Thatcher's feelings to Sir John Quinton, chairman of Barclays.

The Government resisted Conservative demands last night to defer its Hong Kong nationality package in the wake of China's suggestion that British passport holders

Ministers and officials de-50,000 key residents.

was a nonsense to suggest that the Chinese statements, about which ministers are seeking urgent clarification, would de-stroy the basis of the scheme which was designed to give confidence to people to re-

However, Mr Steven Norris, chairman of the Conservative backbench home affairs committee, said the Chinese attitude underlined what the Government had been told by its own supporters - that the scheme was not practical.

deferred. The scheme itself is inadequate and not popular.' sular protection after 1997.

nied suggestions that the Chinese stance had scuppered the proposals to grant British citizenship to the families of

Government sources said it main in Hong Kong.

"The time has come to put

the scheme on ice. It should be

Mr Norris said: "The Government should treat this as a long-term and not a shortterm issue. The next five or six years - not months - should be concentrated on persuading the Chinese that Hong Kong is of as much commercial value to them as to Britain. China must recognize the need for action which will restore confidence in the colony."

Sir Hal Miller, Conservative MP for Bromsgrove, said that the Chinese attitude was not surprising. "China will not recognize two passports. That is why I was among those who tried to persuade the Government not make this nationality announcement," he said.

Foreign Office sources said Hong Kong residents granted British citizenship would retain their Hong Kong residence under the agreement between the two countries. They would have the right to

consular protection, as did all British citizens abroad.

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It has always been part of the agreement that Hong Kong residents who aspired to high public posts after 1997 would take Chinese nationality. British sources said these were the people who would have to make a choice between British and Chinese nationality. The big majority of those included in the package would be no difficulty.

Mr Hurd has been warmly praised by MPs for the way he handled his Hong Kong visit. There is growing confidence that the nationality package will get through the Com-mons, particularly with a number of Labour MPs apparently determined to defy their

leadership and to refuse to vote with Conservative rebels. Sir Hal said yesterday: "I take no pleasure in it, but all the things I said were going to to happen are happening. There has been a lot of naivety

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Airlines back BA on aviation policy

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The world's airlines were yesterday sent details of a British plan to take aviation policy decisions out of government hands in an effort to end the congestion threatening strangle the industry.

Years of frustration at the failure of governments to provide adequate facilities to enable airlines to provide a better service were brought into the open this week when Sir Colin Marshall, British Airways chief, demanded the creation of an international task force to tackle the crisis.

His comments were circulated to all 187 members of the International Air Transport Association, who im-mediately backed his

initiative. Sir Colin told aviation experts in New York that governments could no longer cope with the complexity of the problems and that unless these were tackled on a global basis the industry would be strangled over the next 10 He called for large inter-national airlines from Europe,

the US, the Far East and Australasia to form a nonprofit, industry-wide body which would enlist influential people to find a way out of the crisis, determine what needs to be done and put pressure on governments to act in a united way. "We cannot just sit there and let outside circumstances destroy our business efforts."





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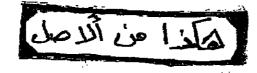
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had been unaware of guide-

lines issued by the Transplantation Society, an inter-

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British Transplantation Soci-

ety; but after listening to

evidence from Mr Robert

Ross-Taylor, former president

of the British society, he realized his approach had

"I never felt it before I came

here," he said. "I felt I was

been unethical.

pride in that.

in the past 14 years had been performed unethically.

Mr Michael Joyce said he was "sad, sorry and mis-erable" and would never perform any such operations

Mr Joyce, a urologist at Guy's Hospital, south Lon-don, told the General Medical Council that he had believed he was doing a good job. But after listening to the views expressed to the hearing on doctors' ethical responsibilities, he realized he had been

At one point, he broke down in tears when asked how he had felt listening to Turkish kidney donors giving evidence to the inquiry last month.
"Dreadful," he replied, sob-bing. He described their testimony as "horror on horror. I felt dirty," he said. The suffer-ing that they had gone through appeared to be for no good cason. It was an appalling

Mr Joyce is one of three doctors charged with pro-fessional misconduct in relation to alleged payments to kidney donors. The others are Dr Raymond Crockett, a kidncy specialist, and Mr Michael Bewick, a transplant surgeon.

All three have so far denied the charges, but yesterday Mr Joyce admitted seven of the eight charges against him.

The charges were that he removed kidneys from four live donors, Mr Ferhat Usta, Mr Ahmet Koc, Mrs Hatice Anutkan and Mr Coskun Yenici, and that in each case he failed to establish that financial or other improper inducements had not been made; whether the patient and recipient had a close and enduring relationship; the circumstances in which the patient's kidney was being provided; that the patient understood the risks; to procare a freely-given consent in writing, and to discuss the proposed operation beforehand with the patient.

and with the patient.

An eighth charge that he never felt himself to be "in the acquiesced in the sale of transplantation scene"; his one that he unwittingly took say, saw him as a mere he met him; but had never part in the sale, which he also assistant "I should not have visited the National Kidney

Under questioning from his counsel, Mr John Goldring, he removed a kidney from a QC, Mr Joyce said he did not living Indian woman and Mr know why the four donors Bewick transplanted it into today.

A surgeon admitted yesterday were giving their kidneys or another patient. They discov-that all the kidney donor that money was changing ered afterwards the woman's that all the kidney donor that money was changing ered afterwards the woman's operations he had carried out hands. "Had you known, kidney had been sold by her would you have performed these nephrectomies?" "No." broker husband for the price of an alarm clock, Mr Bewick was "horrified" when he He had been misled by Dr Bewick: "The only reason I learned the truth.

Mr Goldring asked: "Did you think he would ever allow it to happen again if he could

Mr Joyce replied: "He would not allow it to happen

Mr Roger Henderson, QC, counsel for the GMC, suggested Mr Joyce should have taken the 1985 case as a warning; and Mr Joyce agreed that all the ethical problems stemmed from the fact the surgeon did not view the donors as his own patients.

"Once you realize that it is your patient, it transforms your attitude, doesn't it?" Mr Henderson asked. "Totally," he replied.

Mr Joyce admitted that he seldom, if ever, looked at the notes and reports on patients' before operating. His notes on the operations became shorter as time went on, and by 1988 were probably only a rough diagram. He had made none at all in the case of the four Turkish donors, leaving the task to his anaesthetist. Mr Joyce, aged 46, said that

Mr Bewick - whom he met at Mr Michael Joyce: "I was Guy's - had charisma, was enthusiastic about everything but with other surgeons who and had boundless energy. "His commitments to his must have known much more patients and to his work impressed me unbelievably," than he about transplant Mr Joyce said he did not Mr Jovce said. take either The Lancet or The

Together, they had carried out live donor operations at hospitals in Brighton, Dul-wich and Carshalton. At first he was nervous, but also felt proud and excited.

He would see patients only "just before" the operation and sometimes they would already be under anaesthetic. He admitted that had he been asked who a particular kidney had come from or who it was going to, he would not have known.; although he would have assumed a relationship the donor and between

Mr Joyce said he knew Dr human organs was changed to colleagues, he was ashamed to Crockett by reputation before Mr Joyce said that in 1985 in all, the doctors met only he removed a kidney from a half a dozen times.

The hearing continues

Actors say farewell to Jackson

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Top left, Rona Anderson, widow of Gordon Jackson, the actor, who died of cancer aged 66, with Jean Marsh, who appeared with him in *Upstairs Downstairs*, at his funeral at the actor's church of St Paul's, Covent Garden, central London, yesterday.

Above, Robert Flemyng (left) and Sir Alec Guiness, Pauline Collins and her daughter carry flowers.

lice divided over national

By Stewart Tendler Crime Correspondent

Chief constables were split yesterday over the concept of setting up a national

detective force to investigate top level A meeting of the country's senior

officers put back a decision on a blueprint for a national unit drawn up by a chief constables' working party and decided to delay a decision until more detailed work has been done on how

Eventually a national unit could be set up using seconded officers working through a regional network, or the chief constables could decide to continue

using the existing regional crime squad system, adding a larger London

The idea of a national criminal investigation unit was first floated last year by Sir Peter Imbert, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. In the autumn the Association of Chief Police Officers decided it would examine setting up the unit and explore the idea of a national investigation unit to provide

an operational arm. At yesterday's meeting, the chief intelligence unit which has been the the operational arm. There are questions frontiers are relaxed in the EC in 1992.

over its funding, accountability, and the relationship between such a unit and local forces.

After the meeting Mr John Dellow, president of the association and Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said he was delighted that "we are still in the business of looking at a very important subject".

The model proposed yesterday would have included about 2,500 officers who would investigate both national and international crime such as drug trafficking, crimi syndicates. The unit would play a key association's policy for some time but role in Britain's liaison with other they want more work on the blueprint for countries over policing after internal

Tebbit to pay damages to Keays

By Michael Horsnell

Mr Norman Tebbit, the former Conservative Party chairman, agreed to pay substantial libel damages yesterday to Miss Sara Keays, the former mistress of his ex-Cabinet colleague Mr Cecil Parkinson.

He agreed in the High Court to pay an undisclosed amount over unfounded allegations in his autobiography Upwardly Mobile, published in 1988, that she had broken an undertaking not to comment on the relationship.

Miss Keays also gained egreed undisclosed damages yesterday over a Daily Express article the same year claiming she arranged for the press to be present when her daughter, by Mr Parkinson, left hospital after a brain operation, to obtain publicity to avenge herself on the minister.

• Mr Michael Jones, political editor of The Sunday Times, was given a public apology and "substantial" undisclosed libel damages by Private Eye yesterday over an article implying he abused his position to secure a work permit for a journalist.

 Mr Roger Carroll was awarded £6,000 damages over allegations in The Sunday Times that he "walked out" of his job as personal finance editor on the Sunday Telegraph after the announcement of its merger with *The Daily Telegraph*.

PORTFOLIO Winner to share her good luck

£2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize was Mrs Christa Weber, of Thetcham in Surrey. She said she was "absolutely delighted" with her good fortune, although according to the terms of a long-standing agreement, she will share the money

with her three children. "One of them is a student and the other two are setting up homes, so it will be very useful to them," she said.

"My own share will be spent on a new driver to enhance my golf. I've been local club for the past four years, and until now have been getting nowhere fast."

Bacteria scare

Listeria found in Plumrose ham

meats, has suspended produc-tion of sliced Danish hams return supplies.

bacteria, including pregnant vacuum-packed sliced ham if Health Laboratory. they have a best-before date of February 15, 1990, or earlier.

monocytomenes were disclosed in tests last Friday.

The advice applies to D-shaped Plumrose 113gm (402) Smokey Ham, Cooked Ham and Honey Cured Ham, and 113mm Family Choice Cooked Ham and Honey Cured Ham. Production and distribution of the hams, produced from

Environmental health offi-

after sample tests disclosed cers, who make random being vulnerable. high levels of listeria bacteria. checks on food production. The firm, based in King's identified one shop sample of Lynn, Norfolk, yesterday ad-vised all consumers rec-teria positive, further checks transplant patients, those on ognized as "vulnerable" to the disclosed another and that led to an investigation by the women, not to eat five types of Government-run Public

Its analysts found that 13 out of 15 samples from a An estimated 20,000 4oz packs of ham, valued at £18,000, left the Plumrose to an unacceptably high level.

Plumrose distribution ware-house contained listeria, some to an unacceptably high level.

Plumrose has launched its listeria strain own checks to determine how the ham became infected dur-

ing production. Mr Stan Shreeve, managing director of Plumrose, part of the Copenhagen-based multinational East Asiatic Company, said: "The measures we

have taken are purely precau- process contamination. tionary, to reassure customers.

Plumrose, one of Britain's suspended last Friday and the products." The advice not to largest producers of cooked firm has asked retailers to eat the hams applies only to consumers recognized by the Department of Health as

Those are pregnant women and those with impaired resisleukaemia or cancers of the lymphatic tissues. The elderly their immune system is low.

The alert is the latest in a line of listeria-related food scares. Last summer, a Department of Health survey found that 10 per cent of all withdrawal and the departpâté was contaminated with listeria.

It can be destroyed by cooking and the danger lies in ready-to-eat foods such as soft cheeses and pre-cooked meats where the food is open to post-

In 1987 there were 259 "There have been no cases notified cases of listeriosis, imported Danish meat, were of listeriosis linked to our That rose to 291 in 1988 and Plumrose tinned meats.

provisional figures for 1989 show 247 cases. In 1988 11 people died from listeriosis. No published death figures are available for 1989.

The Public Health Laboratory said: "Listeria is ubiquitous. Exposure to it is unavoidable. One in 20 people drugs which depress the im-mune system and those with pregnant women if they acquire the infection the effects can range from nothing to are only considered at risk if feverish flu like illness. It can cross the placenta where it then may affect the foetus."

ment's advice are precautionary measures. No cases of listeriosis have been linked to these products."

Plumrose also produces Chicken and Turkey Roll, Garlic Sausage, Danish Sa-lami and Chopped Pork with Ham at King's Lynn. The alert does not extend to

Microwave oven danger dismissed domestic situation." Mrs Ce-

A leading toxicologist has dismissed Austrian claims that vuinerable infants could suffer brain damage, liver and kid-ncy failure from drinking milk heated in microwave ovens. The Ministry of Agriculture. Fisheries and Food agreed resterday that there was no

Dr Richard Cottrell, head of starch Laboratory, which carof industry and the Governinterpossible" of scientists at Vicuna University "to frighien the public on the basis of wholly inadequate evidence".

in a letter to The Lancet. Dublished on December 9, the the microwave bearing could than strengthen body cells.

Some paediatricians have is not fundamentally different Pained parents not to heat as a physical process to infra-

West Germany has denied reports that it plans to follow up its ban on British beef with restrictions on UK-produced sheep meat (Paul Wilkinson writes). However, the National Farmers' Union still asked Mr John Gummer, the Minister for Agriculture, yesterday to take the matter op at a meeting of European Community ministers next week. More than 20 per cent of British sheep are infected with scrapies, a brain disorder allied to "mad cow" disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, which has developed in British cattle.

oven, However, the ministry toxic, depending on how Science at the Leatherhead Re- said: "The study looked at extremes, using samples heated hes out food testing on behalf in sealed containers until they ment, said it was "highly in excess of 100C. The scientists conveniently forgot to mention that no changes occurred in samples subjected

to normal heating." Dr Cottrell said that had the claim been presented as a sciresearchers claimed that abentific paper, a professional chemical changes referee would want to know occurring in amino acids dur- what chemical changes took place during conventional cooking. "The sweep of the

formula milk in a microwave red radiation. Everything is much of it you take." The Association of Manu-

facturers of Domestic Electriturned brown at temperatures cal Appliances, representing the microwave industry, said: "It is not surprising that any sample of food or milk should change its structure when submitted to gross over-heating of the kind carried out in this test, whether this be through microwaving, boiling or other

forms of direct heating."
The association said: "It is unlikely that manufacturers will wish to duplicate this evidence is that microwaving particular test as it bears no resemblance at all to the way a microwave is used in the scientists said.

cilia Norman, head of the London Microwave Cooking School and a member of the Microwave Association, said that the Austrian report was another attempt at "hell-raising" after the discovery in government tests last month that one third of microwave ovens failed to heat food thoroughly to 70C. • The dispute between farm-

ers and food processors over responsibility for the source of listeriosis poisoning in food may soon be ended by new research (Pearce Wright writes). Animal Diseases Research

Association scientists at the Moredun Research Institute, Edinburgh, are perfecting a method for the biochemical fingerprinting of thousands of strains of the bacteria, Listeria monocytogenes, that endangers the life of unborn babies.

It should show clearly whether food contamination came from is the farm or was introduced in the factory, the

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MoD's right to keep death reports secret

justification for keeping under over the death of Naval wraps internal reports into Airman Terence Barrett was accidents and deaths involving servicemen was "entirely rejected" by a High Court sufficient evidence to initiate judge yesterday.

Mr Justice Popplewell's judgment was made in a test firm of Stewarts, did so case brought by the widow of a Naval airman who died after a drinking bout at a British training base in Norway where off-duty drunkenness was regarded as the norm.

It opens the way for the publication of the hitherto sec- continue to enjoy their traret reports and could lead to ditional secrecy on the actions for damages against the ministry by injured immunity". The ruling meant servicemen and by families of that Mrs Barrett could take those who have died.

Mr Paddy Ashdown, Liberal Democrats' leader, had campaigned for Mrs Dawn Barrett, one of his Yeovil constituents, to see the MoD's board of inquiry report into her husband's death two years ago. He hailed the ruling as "a step in the right direction for freedom of information" which could give Mrs Barrett a chance to discover the truth about her husband's death.

rejected by the judge.

He ruled she already had claim against the ministry. Her solicitors, the London immediately after the ruling, seeking a six-figure sum.

Crucially, however, the judge went on to rule against a submission by Mr Tom King. Secretary of State for Defence, that board reports should steps to see the report after the

Mr Justice Popplewell said: "I entirely reject the contention that, unless these [board of inquiry] proceedings are privileged, there will be a lack of candour [by servicemen giving evidence to a board]. Nor do I agree that the absence of confidentiality will

serving of a writ for damages.

The judge also rejected the ministry's contention that Mrs Barrett's application to publication of reports could endanger morale, discipline or

The Ministry of Defence's before instituting legal action safety. He said that, barring overriding technical or national security reasons, the reports should be published.

Mrs Barrett, aged 29, said afterwards that she hoped she would now be able to see the full, 260-page report into her husband's death. Initially, the ministry offered her a twopage summary and, later, one ring to 15 pages.

She said after the judgment: "The ruling was very positive and I am hopeful I will finally, get to know the full circumstances of my husband's death." The MoD said last night

"We are considering the implications of the judgment. After Mr Barrett's death, at the court martial of the officer

commanding the base at Bardnfoss, it was said that excessive drinking had been a normal feature of life. On the evening of Mr brated his 30th birthday, between 20 and 25 senior ratings

drank 24 litres of vodka and other drinks, Mr Barrett choked on vomit. The commanding officer was sevcrely reprimanded for failing to "discourage drunkeness"

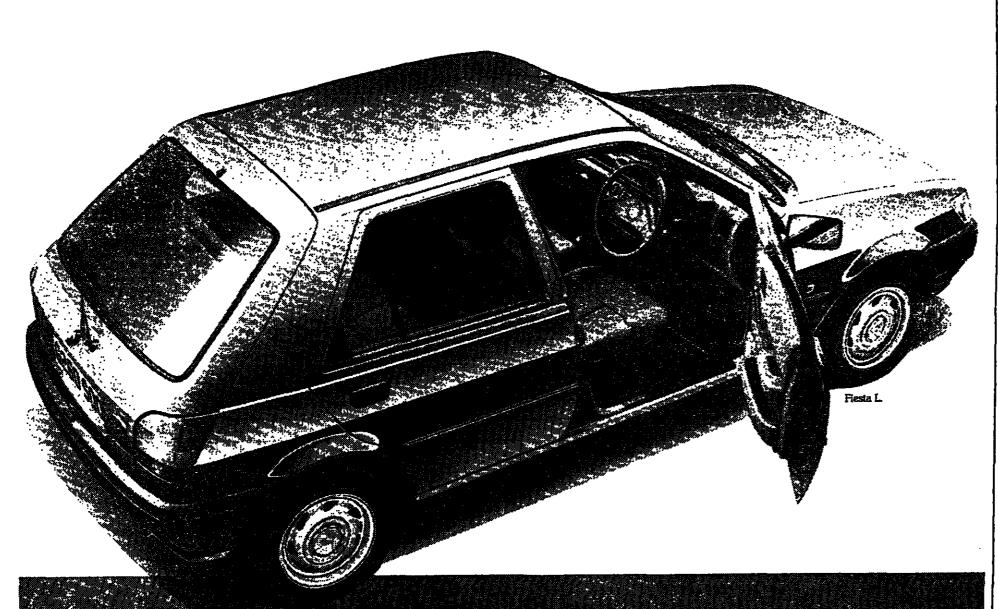
Judge rules against | Monroe look, 90s style, in new Bus Stop





Jerry Hall and Shaun Cassidy, who will make their British stage debuts next month in the William Inge play, Bus Stop, at the Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, with (right) Marilyn Mouroe and Don Murray as they appeared in the same roles in the film version of the play, first staged on Broadway in 1955.

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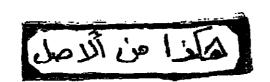
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export rule test Confidence in Britain's system for protecting items of supreme heritage importance Only if our museums were to be "properly funded and if the 'indefinite stop' were to be reinstated" could the UK

Fate of 'Three

Graces' seen as

against export will collapse if Canova's sculpture "The Three Graces" is lost abroad, according to a report published yesterday.

The 20-page document, Save the Woburn Canova, contains impassioned pleas by an impressive number of art world grandees. It is published by SAVE Britain's Heritage and the art magazine Apollo. The sculpture seems likely to go to the Getty Museum in the US after March 12.

Thee report says Antonio Canova is one of the greatest of all sculptors to be "ranked with Praxiteles, Donatello, Michelangelo, Bernini and Rodin and The Three Graces' is internationally recognized as one of his finest works".

Professor Sir Ernst Gombrich says in the document that if the work, which was commissioned by the 6th Duke of Bedford for Woburn Abbey in 1815, was allowed to and a sign saying "A. Spring, be exported, "future gener- Watch and Clock Maker". ations will never forgive us". Sir John Julius Norwich com-ments that it would be a tragedy if it were to leave.

Mr Jonathan Scott, chairman of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art, and until now a supporter of the free trade system, calls it a "test case" for Britain's export controls, "If such an important work of art as 'The Three Graces' is lost, it is hard to argue that we have sufficient confidence in our system to proffer it to other countries as a model for

Until now, he adds, our system, of temporary stops which give museums opportunities to match the prices of works of art - has been perhaps the fairest in Europe;

system be "proposed as a basis for other EC countries"... • The record price for a work

by the Edwardian artist Charles Spencelah (1865-1958) passed the £100,000 mark at Sotheby's in Chester, when a fastidiously painted fetched £112,200. It was more than four times the previous

The painting, entitled "Time on his hands", shows an elderly craftsman tinkering lovingly with a pocketwatch

SALEROOM by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market

Correspondent

on a table. Behind him hang various dismembered clocks.

Bought from the artist by a Liverpool industrialist shortly after it was painted in the 1940s, it was yesterday sold by his son to a Liverpool businessman, who was bidding in the room

He prevailed in a battle against a big London dealer who was bidding by telephone. The businessman's wife began the bidding, but soon lost her nerve, whereupon he took over.

"I thought I might have stuck my neck out too far by estimating £30,000 to £50,000," said Sotheby's specialist, Mr Martin Gallon, said. "How wrong I was."

Mr Gallon warned owners of other Spencelah works not to be too excited about the price. "This painting was but if a sculpture of such unique," he said, although it made Spencelah "one of the recognized Victorian artists". unique," he said, although it made Spencelah "one of the

RIBA award for primary school

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

An innovative primary school building in Birmingham has credit to the teaching staff and Building of the Year Award from the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Designed by Mr Will Howland, of Birmingham City Architects Department the Nelson Mandela community primary school biends neighbouring semi-detached houses with its traditional appearance.

Inside, however, there are no corridors or conventional classrooms but spaces which flow into one another, only divided by sliding screens and doors. This allows staff to combine supervisory and teaching functions.

At the awards dinner last night at the institute's headquarters in Portland Place, west London, Mr Max Hutchinson, RIBA president, said he had selected it from 16 award-winning buildings.

The architecture of most school buildings makes a point of imposing authority. This building is not full of nogo areas. It is concerned with what children can do rather i than what they cannot do. The

Mr Howland."

The National Awards jury commented: "In spite of gloomy predictions there is not a hint of vandalism, a sure sign of the affection that this place has won with the community it serves."

• A £6.5m plan to restore the historic Royal Pump Rooms at Learnington Spa, Warwickshire, to include both private and NHS medical treatment, was unveiled yesterday (Craig Seton writes).

Warwick District Council, which owns the freehold on the building, said that the scheme was intended to improve and enhance the pump

Conservation groups had claimed that plans to develop the site as a private health clinic would destroy the historic facade of the building. However, Mr Michael Ward, chief executive of Warwick District Council, said that the scheme put forward by Professional Parks Ltd, of Newcastle Upon Tyne, would involve rebuilding only at the rear of the pump rooms.

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2 WASHING

Advertisers alerted over inaccurate environment claims

Cashing in on green boom

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

claims about products in an number of companies were attempt to cash in on the anxious to present a green "green" consumer boom.

made over-optimistic assessments of goods left themselves open to counter-attack from rival manufacturers and environmental activists as well as "Just how Green are you annoying shoppers, the Incorabout Nuclear Power?" The porated Society of British Advertisers said.

The advice, in a guide for advertisers about environ-mental claims, comes in the wake of well-publicized cases of manufacturers being repriminaded for making wildly dubious "green" claims such supposed environmental advages of their product.

ing the new advertising trend, disclosed in its latest case report this week that it is continuing to receive public

Advertisers were warned yes-terday not to make un-warranted environmental after complaints that a large told companies of the dangers that exist if environgreen" consumer boom. image "even though their business activities may remain far from green". British Nuclear Fuels was

given the main award for an advertisement headlined: runners-up were Higgs Furs, whose slogan stated: "Environmental Friendly furs by Higgs." Car companies such as Andi, Volkswagen, Citroën, and Saab were highlighted for

inacturate claims about the as "harmless carbon dioxide". Austin Rover, BP Oil UK The Advertising Standards and Citroen have also been reprimanded by the authority Authority, which is monitor- after complaints about adv-

The environmental soundness of a company and its products is playing an evercomplaints about a number of increasing role in shoppers' businesses over the presenta-tion of their "green claims". minds and can help provide an extra competitive edge in

Energy efficiency keynote of 1990s

Property developers, building 1990s, with 84 per cent rating owners and funding institutions are becoming more aware of energy conservation and environmental issues, and believe they will be even more important in the 1990s, according to a survey published yesterday on the eve of a London exhibition on

energy efficient buildings. of the exhibition, at Smith's and 47 per cent respectively). Gallery, Covente Garden, shows that in the 1970s about 45 per cent of the property adustry felt energy conservation in buildings was an important issue. By the end of the 1980s that had increased survey expect it will become increasingly important in the the case."

onstrate how environmentally friendly they are. Property developers and building owners were most in favour (67 per cent and 83 per cent The survey, carried out for and funding institutions were ECD Partnership, organizers less enthusiastic (56 per cent

Mr David Turrent, a partner in the ECD Partnership, architects and energy consultants, said: "We had a feeling there was a growing awareness of energy and environmental issues among the property

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

it very highly. The survey also showed there was strong support for "labelling" buildings to dem-

mental issues are unwisely used as the basis for promotional claims, seeking to appeal to consumers' altruistic Mr Ken Miles, director of

the society, writing a foreword to the guide, said: "Advertis-ers and their agencies may believe that they can get a competitive advantage by incorporating an environ-mental claim; but they many not appreciate that in doing so they will leave themselves wide open to criticism from environmental activists and experts within rival companies, if their claims do not stand up to the closest

"This scrutiny and criticism may often be unfair or irrelevant, since it may draw attention to an environmental issue which relates to a totally different part of the company, or a totally different product.

"Nevertheless, this is the way in which activists and possibly competitors will work, and the ISBA want to make sure that companies recognize the dangers.

These comments apply not only to advertising claims but also to claims on packs, remarks made in annual reports, company literature, sales promotion, and of course in public relations activities."

He added: "It is therefore essential that companies do think carefully about the down-side of environmental claims as well as about the possible advantage

"Doubtful claims could lead to a cynical consumer attitude about advertising as a whole and to negative responses by respectively); housebuilders government ministers who want industry to take environmental matters seriously."

Although the Government planning proposals for leglabelling this year, this will not cover advertising. The society has suggested the British Code of Advertising Practice and the Independent Broadcasting to 76 per cent. The firms in the world, and this survey has Authority's advertising code conclusively shown that this is should include a new clause about environmental claims.

Road-building opponents 'abusing public concern'

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

needed investment in new roads to ease congestion, Mr Peter Witt, director of the congestion on the Department journeys in Britain were under british Road Federation, said of Transport failing to forecast 50 miles, and, therefore, un-

debate was "being conducted in a climate where reality and fact are too often relegated to the sidelines by hyperbole and

He accused environmental which have encouraged wider

Concern about the environ- norant and simplistic sol- mentalist argument that road when critically examined". Mr Witt blamed traffic

accurately the growth of traffic economic by rail.

Environmental groups, however, have argued that successive governments have vehicles.

ment is being "used and utions" to transport problems, congestion could be reduced abused" to prevent much "which are unsustainable by transferring a large proporneeded investment in new when critically examined". insisted that average freight

in an attack against the anti-road building lobby, Mr Witt said that the roads this was slowly being rectified.

Mr Witt agreed that more money should be invested in public transport, but he reiected environmentalist calls to "restrict and discourage"

locked themselves into big "This is contrary to what road-building programmes, people really want," he said. groups such as Friends of the Earth, as well as transport academics, of proposing "ig
Challenging the environ
Friends of the Earth said Mr

Witt did not understand that most people did not support new road schemes. Friends of the Earth said Mr

Prince Michael tries out Hyde Park ride



Prince Michael of Kent trying out the first section of the new East Curriage Ride in Hyde Park, London. With him are (from left) Captain Barry McKay, Mrs Basia Briggs, Lieut-Colonel Seymour Gilbart-Denham, Lieut-Colonel Dick Morrisey Paine and

Mr Richard Briggs. The King's Old Road - or Rotten Row - was constructed as a carriage drive 300 years ago, but a part was removed after the Second World War (Libby Jukes writes). Prince Michael is patron of the Hyde Park Appeal which

aims to provide a new bridleway between Hyde Park Corner and Marble Arch, to enable riders once more to make complete circuits of the park. Equestrian events this year colminate in London in September

Lifeguards

threaten

pollution

boycott

The Surf Life Saving Association of Great Britain

said yesterday its services will

be withdrawn from shores

where dirty water made

organization's medical offi-

cers are testing seasides

around the country for evi-

New teaching methods 'add to problems of dyslexics'

modern teaching methods.

State schools were accused

that the National Curriculum, only make matters worse.

Launching the 1990 Dyslexia Awareness Campaign, Mr Sterne said there was no evidence to justify the widely used system of teaching children to read by showing them whole words rather than individual letters The method known as

"look-say", in which five-year-olds learn to recognize complete words, has largely supplanted approaches based on learning the sounds of letters which are then combined to spell words. Mr Sterne said there was

overwhelming evidence from research in Britain, the United States and France that children with dyslexia had difficulty relating the sounds made by letters to the symbols on the page. By reintroducing traditional methods, nine out of 10 dyslexic children could be taught to read and write normally, he said.

"Teaching reading should include teaching the ways in which letters and letter combinations correspond with sounds, known as the alphabetic principle," Mr Sterne said.

"There is not, to my knowledge, a single research study to support the view that the alphabetic principle should not be taught. On the contrary,

yesterday of compounding the Princess Royal yesterday urged parents to do more to problems of dyslexic children ensure that their children left school able to read, write and by the use of fashionable count. In an interview to be broadcast tonight on the BBC2 programme Clean Slate, the Princess, who is UK Patron of The executive director of International Literacy Year, said: "Parents must take a more the British Dyslexia Associative role in their children's education. They have got to be ation, Mr Michael Sterne, said more aware of how much they can achieve in their own home. and goodness knows, I know from experience that is not always with its implicit endorsement very easy because your children do not always respond of present methods, would particularly well to exhortations." The ability to read, write and count was "a starting block for life".

> majority of children who fail to develop literacy do so because of problems relating sounds to words."

The association estimated that 32,000 dyslexic children started school each year to add to the total of 350,000 dyslexics already in the school system. Yet only 1,500 teachhelp them.

The awareness campaign has the support of a number of distinguished dyslexics, including the former Cabinet Minister Mr Michael Heseltine, Jackie Stewart, the former world racing champion, and the actress Beryl



there is overwhelming evi- Richard Rogers: Was told he Duncan Goodhew: Went on

dyslexia in 3,000 libraries, 1,000 Citizens' Advice Bu-

reaux, more than 1,000 Job Centres and at W H Smith. Do-It-All and Our Price place between Community Speaking at the campaign launch, the Olympic swimmer Duncan Goodhew, a dyslexia children are still waiting to be admitted to primary schools

sufferer, said he was branded 'Duncan the Dunce" at prep because there is nobody school. Yet with proper coach- teach them. ing he went on to university in • Schools wanting to set up the United States to study small businesses were told business and economics. He yesterday that "the desire for said: "I was isolated as being profit could blinker students" stupid. If you are told something often enough you begin to believe it. It was very confusing and incredibly frustrating."

It marks the start of International Literacy Year and will involve displays about

Mr Richard Rogers, the architect who designed the Lloyd's Building in London,



to study at university.

Britain's lifeguards have said his parents had been told threatened to stop patrolling be was "daft, backward, inbeaches because of pollution. capable and unruly" because he suffered dyslexia.

When he asked staff about his career prospects he was told: "You are lazy, you are thick - what about the South African police?"

 School leavers are to be asked to help teachers run classes in schools facing one of the worst teacher shortages in the country. They would be paid about £90 a week pocket

The warning from the

schools' inspectors came a day

after Mr John MacGregor,

Secretary of State for Edu-

launched a nation-wide

scheme to encourage schools

to run their own companies as

part of the National

schools, primary and second-

ary, to examine the "Mini-

enterprise" scheme originally

sponsored by the NatWest Bank in 1985, who gave loans

of £50 to approved projects.

Many of them had been

successful but the inspectors

say that few had a clear set of

objectives and that in-

sufficient consideration had

been given to the con-

money by not turning up on

about barristers who are late for court, Judge Savill, QC,

than 200 minutes has been

sequences of some schemes. Office said.

Inspectors had visited 60

Curriculum.

cation and Science, had

dence of pollution.

The president, Mr Charles Thomson, said the association was checking reports of dysentery and skin disorders. money and expenses. Negotiations are taking

Blast survivor Service Volunteers and the Borough of Tower Hamlets in A man aged 25 survived with burns and chest injuries after east London, where about 400 being blown from the third floor in an explosion at a Kent. A gas leak is thought

volunteers

Police help

The West Midlands police force has appointed its first full-time clergyman. Canon Barry Wright, an ex-chief inspector, will offer counsel-

ling to officers of all rank.

Found dead Mrs Anne Eggleton, a senior nurse who ran the emergency unit at Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, Wiltshire, where many of the victims of the Hungerford massacre were taken, has been found dead at her home after inhaling ex-

haust fumes. Wind abates

Faulty equipment was responsible for a "record" 161mph gust of wind recorded on Tuesday night in the Outer Hebrides, the Meteorological

Archers village loses a round

By Craig Seton

decided yesterday. An action committee rep-

resenting Handury villagers. which had hoped Mr Patten would block the proposed development of 1,000 homes, said last night that it was "devastated" by his decision. The decision that a satellite also fiercely opposed.

to the Hereford and Worcester were published yesterday.

tions were aimed at providing abelance between the need for mittee held an emergency development land and mainturing a strong green belt to its next move. preserve the environment.

that had changed little for

Mr Patten said the altera- part of suburbia."

A satellite village can be committee fighting the proconsidered for a site at posed development by Wil-Hanbury, Hereford and Worcester, the rural community borough, Leicestershire, and that inspired the fictional barratts, of the West Midvillage of Ambridge in the BBC radio series The Archers, Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, but the fight goes on. People here are very angry at this devastating news."

Mr Thompson said that hopes of Mr Patten blocking the development had been raised when the Secretary of State ruled against a similar scheme proposed for Foxley Wood, Hampshire, which was

He said: "Mr Patten has village at Hanbury, near He said: "Mr Patten has Divisivish, can be considered talked about leaving planning was contained in modifica- matters to local people. Well, tions proposed by Mr Patten there is no doubt what local people say. They do not want county structure plan, which the damned thing. They do not want Hanbury to become The Hanbury action com-

meeting last night to consider Mr Patten's modifications

Residents of Hanbury, with to the county structure plan a population of 800, had will be subject to a six-week channed that a new village of objection period. Hereford more than 1,000 homes, and Worcester County Countries and Worcester Country Countries and Worcester Countries including a golf course and cil said yesterday that Mr Patother leisure developments, ten was expected to publish weld destroy the community final proposals later in the year. If plans for a satellite village were included, the develo-Mr Michael Thompson, a pers would be free to apply for planning permission.

Change of image

Crufts to introduce terrier races

By Ruth Gledhill

Chelsea Flower Show

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

reduced to ensure that visitors society has appointed a ticket office, PO Box 1426, London, details and tickets are avail-enjoy a comfortable and enjoy-agency, Keith Prowse, to han-SW1) or for credit card book-able from Special Events

view days for society members There is no booking fee for May 21, from 7 to 9pm. It will £7 after 4pm), and Frank tickets for the two public tickets bought from the agency be sponsored by Enterprise May, 8am-5pm (£12).

dogs, is to introduce terrier in rhododendron bushes to racing into this year's show, catch them at the finish. the last to be held in London. The organizers of the show during the races, which will take place in the main ring on

the second day of the show in three weeks' time. Terriers, in heats of four, will be released from traps at a bit difficult and have deone end of the ring.

Miss Barbara Banfield, show manager, said "They predicted "a bit of a riot" have these races at agricultural shows in the north of England. "The terriers go so fast you normally have to stop them

with a bale of straw.

enjoy a comfortable and enjoyable visit, the Royal Hortidie the sale of all public day

Capacity in the Royal Hos- than 700 exhibitors at the

pital grounds will be reduced show, and a new feature will be to 190,000 over the show's four an advice centre for disabled

There will be two private for handicapped people.

cultural Society appounced tickets.

vesterday.

grounds at any time.

"We thought this would be cided to use rhododendrons

This year there will be more

days and there will be no more and elderly gardeners. Child-show, giving ticket availability than 20,000 visitors in the ren under five will not be and admission details.

admitted. There are facilities

"I do not know what will go

on unofficially," she said. "We thought it would be fun to show that dogs don't just look beautiful, they can do things

"As long as they don't bite members of the audience I am not bothered what happens." Major General Martin Sinnatt, secretary of the Kennel

Club, which organizes the A furry object, resembling a instead."

show, said: "There will be Earl's Court rat or a ferret, will be used to She said there will not be terriers everywhere. Ringside February 8.

ings, (telephone 01-748 1414;

The show's 24-hour

information line (01-828 1744)

is now in operation, and will

continue for the duration of the

all cards accepted).

Crufts, keen to shed its image lure them to the other end any official gambling on the spectators could end up with as a sedate beauty contest for where their handlers will hide results. "It will be enormous fun."

> terrier will be presented with a silver salver. Crufts moves to the National Exhibition Centre at Birmingham for its centenery

The owner of the winning

show next year. A total of 14,564 does have entered for this year's show, 550 more than last year. The four-day show begins at Earl's Court, west London, on

Department, Help the Aged, St James's Walk, London

EC1R 0BE (telephone 01-253

The private view, for mem-

bers only, will be on Tuesday

and Wednesday, 22 and 23

£7 after 4pm), and Friday 25

Organizers to trim crowd capacity

expense."

promptly", the judge said. He told Mr Richard Ough: or double-booking. "I am sorry you are taking the Crowd capacity at the Chelsea days are being offered in by postal application (to the Oil and organized by Help the Flower Show in May is to be advance. For the first time the Chelsea Flower Show ticket Aged and the society. Further from members of the Bar."

ing number of complaints by turns up to represent him at judges about the failure of the hearing.

"Both can cause nothing but time for hearings, or, "indeed, on occasion, to attend at all", according to Mr Richard tee's view," he says. Southwell, QC, writing in The problems of

A charity gala preview of the show will be held on Monday, 8am-8pm (£15 for the full day,

Counsel magazine

Judge criticizes tardy barristers

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent A judge criticized barristers national disaster, for this kind yesterday for wasting public of behaviour.

"Late-running trains, heavy traffic or the distance to be In the latest of a series of driven from home will not

complaints from the bench suffice. "Even delays due to listing problems and over running said at York Crown Court: cases in other courts can be Everyday for the last two minimized by counsel with weeks I've been sitting here careful planning and liaison

and not started on time. More with the listing room." Mr Southwell also reports lost which is at public that his committee has been particularly worried by the Applications have been number of complaints alleging made every day to give bar- failure to deal with papers risters more time "because it within a reasonable time and appears no one seems to be also of the number regarding bothered to have their cases the late return of instructions prepared in time to start as a result of "clashes of

professional commitments", The latter, he says, is of flack for the others but this is particular concern to the lay not the conduct I like to see client who "objects to the appearance of a new barrister There has been an increas- who, without his knowledge,

> harm to the public image of the Bar and, in the commit-

The problems over late return of briefs frequently Mr Southwell, chairman of arise from lack of liaison the Bar's professional stan- between barristers and their dards committee, says: "The clerks, leading to more committee is strongly of the commitments being accepted opinion that there is no excuse, short of personal or Mr Southwell says.

Kremlin crisis talks urged to have faith in perestroika

Gorbachov rounds on hardliners and 'rabble'

From Michael Binyon, Moscow

at his conservative critics of universal human values. yesterday and vigorously atwho were "putting in their and the process of moral icizing perestroika as hasty rebirth. He also denounced and poorly thought out, and those trying to halt democ- insisting that no reformist

reform and perestroika were the only way forward as he country out of the present faced virtual civil war in the Transcaucasus, a growing clamour for independence in the Baltic republics and an economy officially said to be

Addressing a Kremlin meeting of workers and intellectuals hastily summoned from all over the country, the embattled Soviet leader said reforms had already begun to bear fruit, and the country had no choice but to continue democratization and radical economic change.

"We simply cannot con-tinue to live as we have done," he said. "We need perestroika as we need air. We need it to reveal the potential of our

He insisted the Soviet Union was not about to abandon communism, that his reforms had been forced by the ailing economy, which events and were essential to many see as the greater challreveal the humane character of the system. Society had undergone a spiritual renaissance, he said, and built a new troops, the imposition of a Until now this has been nor a market system.

President Gorbachov hit out moral atmosphere on the basis state of emergency and the lamentable and most ecotacked the "rabble" - all those talk came as two conservative newspapers challenged his allowed Mr Gorbachov to acute and there have been oar" to muddy perestroika economic programme, crit-

ratization for their own ends. economist had yet found a He defiantly insisted that scientific and properly reasoned programme to lead the One paper also strongly attacked strikes, accusing

workers of holding the country to ransom and arguing that strikes were far more damaging in a communist system than a market economy. Mr Gorbachov admitted

concern over the ethnic conflicts in the south - the worst fighting within the Soviet Union since the Nazi invasion in 1941. But he said the state had to use force against "extremists, vandals and criminals" in the region. The problem of inter-ethnic relations could only be solved by a new form of federation, as he suggested last week in his talks with nationalists in Lithuania.

To some extent the chaos in Armenia and Azerbaijan has the constitutional issues helped deflect attention from raised by Estonia and Lithuaenge to the Soviet leader's authority.

wrap himself in the flag of national unity, in contrast to

the country amid bloodshed. from the rest of the world, including the specific endorsement of Soviet troop deployment in the Transcaucasus by the United States.

Mr Gorbachov is determined not to appear rattled, and to show the country that it is business as usual. He skilfully bought time in the Baltic republics by his visit to Vilnius and is now trusting to the military to contain the crisis in the south without putting his own reputation and authority on the line.

He has found time to meet Mr Shintaro Abe, the Japanese Foreign Minister, and on Tuesday he received Senor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General. He also chaired meetings of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet to discuss nia and the next par-

liamentary session. Mr Gorbachov realizes that he stands or falls by the The swift despatch of performance of the economy.

unprecedented media cover- nomic indicators are pointing Mr Gorbachov's fighting age of the fighting have pre-downwards. Inflation has occupied the nation and risen, food shortages become power cuts in Moscow; joint ventures with the West are radicals who would break up stagnating as business wait for clarification of the His position has been re-inforced by general support from the rest of the world, industry, are widely hated as excuses for shady operators to Both conservatives and lib-

erals are dissatisfied and the Ryzhkov, the Prime Minister, to steer a middle course recently with his very cautious economic plans dismayed everyone, including foreign observers, by his lack of Many Soviet analysts sug-

gest Mr Gorbachov has realized he will have to scrap the enitre command system, with everything that entails for traditional communism. Mr Leonid Abalkin, his chief economic adviser, said in The Hague on Tuesday that Moscow should abolish state ownership of industry and create stock and commodity markets as part of the drive to rescue the economy.

Critics say the Soviet Union now has the worst of both worlds: neither a fully planned



An Armenian refugee, with serious head, arm and leg injuries after having been savagely tortured by Azerbaijanis, being flown to Yerevan following medical help in Krasnovodsk.

Islam in the Soviet Union

Rise of Muslim millions threatens empire in disarray

By Daniel Treisman

President Gorbachov received baijanis also enjoy the symin January 1989 came from the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who urged the Soviet leader to recognize the republics, raids by local superiority of Islam to communism and send aides to study the Koran in the holy

city of Qom. must have provoked an un-ties at first attributed an attack easy shiver. Islam, the religion on a police post in Tajikistan of an estimated 55 to 60 to Afghan guerrillas who had million of the Soviet Union's infiltrated the border, he said; 287 million inhabitants, re- only later they realized it was menacing factor amid the upsurge of national movements brought into the open by Mr Gorbachov's reforms.

As predominantly Shia Azerbaijanis clash with Chris- atoleslam Sayed Ali Khatian Armenians over Nagorno-Karabakh, some analysts are wondering if so far localized explosions of dis- tious reaction to the upheaval content fuelled by a deteri- on its Soviet border, has orating ecological and attributed the disturbances to economic crisis could link up into a tidal wave of Islamic ments are Islamic and have unrest spreading across the their attractions for one bil-Muslim regions.

"There is already a mental uprising against Soviet power throughout the south," says Amir Taheri, author of Cres- expecting sporadic violence cent in a Red Sky: The Future across the Soviet south as the of Islam in the Soviet Union.

"A demonstration in support of the Azerbaijanis has taken place in the traditionally

One of the stranger invitations Kirghizia, while the Azer- back Soviet rule. From the pathy of religious leaders in Tajikistan, he said.

In parts of the Muslim guerrillas imitating basmachi fighters who resisted Bolshevik rule in the 1920s have been reported, according to Besides sarcastic smiles, it Taheri. The Russian authori-Shia Azerbaijanis can count

on some sympathy across the border in Iran, where their cause will be the theme of today's prayer meetings. Hojmenei, the Islamic Republic's spiritual leader, departing from Iran's previously cau-Islamic zeal. "These sentilion Muslims worldwide," he said on Wednesday, according to Iran's IRNA news agency.

Western analysts, while region's chronic problems worsen, say the Islamic peoples are far too divided by historical conflicts, interests religious town of Osh in and strategies to unite and roll

Uighurs and Ossetians, scores of Muslim peoples are scattered across the mountainous Transcaucasus and the plains of Central Asia with little in common except their religion and Soviet citizenship.

Last summer saw a flare-up of hostility between different Muslim nationalities, as Ta-

jiks clashed with Kirghiz over Tats and Karakalpuks to the land and water rights, Kazakhs in Novyy Uzen attacked shopowners from the Caucasus, and Uzbeks rampaged in a bloody pogrom against Meskhetian Turks in the Ferghana Valley. Fleeing Meskhetians were reportedly welcomed in the Asht region of Tajikistan by riots which

bakh, Muslim Kurds are siding with the Armenians against Muslim Azerbaijanis, according to Dr Shirin Akiner of the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. The Azerbaijanis have traditionally identified more with Turkey than with the predominantly Sunni Mus-



RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Volga Tatars (also in most other republics), Chuvash, Bashkirs, Chechen, Ossetians, Kabardians, Ingush, Karachais, Adygeis, Balkars, Cherkess, Abazins, Tats, Kazakits, Karakalpaks, Avars, Lezghis, Darghins, Kurnyks, Laks, Tabasarans,

GEORGIA: Ossetlans, Abkhazians, Kurds. Azerbaijanis.

Nogais, Rutuls, Tsakhurs, Aguls, Persians, Azerbaljanis.

ARMENIA: Kurds, Azerbaijanis. AZERBAIJAN: Azerbaijanis, Tats, Kurds. ghiz, Karakalpaks, Uighurs, Persians, Afghans. KAZAKHSTAN: Kazakhs, Crimean Tatars, Uzbeks, Kurds, Turkmen, Kirghiz, Karakalpaks, Uighurs, Dungans. KIRGHIZIA: Kirghiz, Uzbeks, Kurds, Tajiks,

Uighurs, Dungans. TAJIKISTAN: Tajiks, Uzbeks, Turkmen, Kirghiz,

TURKMENIA: Turkmen, Uzbeks, Kazakhs, Karakalpaks, Uighurs, Persians, Baluchis, Afghans, Kurds.

Even in the near-civil war lims of Central Asia, whom conditions of Nagorno-Kara- they have viewed at times scathingly as desert nomads.

> Nationalist movements in the regions are splintered. With the recent split of the Uzbek movement Birlik, none of the Muslim republics except Azerbaijan can boast a united popular-front movement like those in the Baltic.

Yet a growing ecological and economic crisis throughout the region promises to spark outbursts of xenophobia directed against whoever is perceived to be in charge. especially Europeans from the north and west.

With the Aral Sea turning into a dustbowl of toxic salts as the result of decades of poor water management, millions of Central Asians are watching worriedly as their water supplies dry up.

"People are almost at the point of starvation and malnutrition," says Dr Akiner, just returned from a two-week visit to the region.

High birthrates along with dire unemployment — two million jobless in Uzbekistan alone - has created a young population which has less patience with corrupt local elites and more sympathy for radical Islamic appeals.

Muslims are frustrated by their lack of representation in high party organs.

Since Mr Dinmuhammad Kunaev, the Kazakh Com-munist Party leader, and Mr Geidar Aliev, his Azerbaijani counterpart, , were retired in disgrace, there has been no Muslim in the Politburo. The explosive brew has

been leavened by closely watched reports from the Baltic states and East European countries where independence movements have shaken and even overthrown once daunting communist authorities. If local grievances are allowed to fester, guerrilla groups drawing confidence from the Soviet Army's defeat in Afghanistan could take to the mountains, putting unusual strain on the 340,000 Interior Ministry troops responsible for keeping order. Eleven thousand have already been deployed in the Transcaucasus without quell-

Yet the prospect of a rash of mini-Afghanistans on Soviet soil is considered extremely unlikely. Nationalists recognize they could not obtain the arms and supplies to sustain any independence struggle in the remote and isolated Central Asian heartland, and have no illusions about Western support.

ing the violence.

● NICOSIA: More than 400 Soviet Azerbaijanis returned to their republic from Iran vesterday

Call for boycott of rights

Diplomatic Correspondent

More than 450 academics have signed a statement urging the British Government to withhold its support from a proposed human rights conierence in Moscow, because human rights are still being abused in the Soviet Union.

The academics, from almost every university in Britain, point to the absence of promised legislation to facilitate easier emigration, the growth of anti-Semitic movements and the fact that Soviet Jews are continuing to be refused exit visas on spurious groun "Unfortunately it is Gorbachov says and what happens on the ground," said Mr Pani Summerfield, the director of the campaign.

"Abuses of human rights are continuing, promised amendments to legislation are not being brought in and very little is being implemented.
"The idea of the haman rights conference is part of the

and in the present circumstances it would be inappropriate for the British Government to attend."

The statement, the largest of its kind, is published in The Times Higher Education Supplement today and follows similar statements of concern by 212 MPS last April, 228 Euro MPs in June and 50 student unions in September.

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The signatories include rofessor Sir Nevill Mott, a Nobel prizewinner in 1977, Professor Sir Mark Rich mond, the former chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chan-cellors and Principals, Miss Diana Warwick, the general secretary of the Association of University Teachers, Professor Gerry Fowler, the chair-man of the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics, and more than 350 professors.

The statement was initiated by the Student and Academic Campaign for Soviet Jews, but Mr Somerfield said it reflected concern for human rights abuses in general.

The signatories arge the Government not to attend the human rights conference which the Soviet Union is planning to stage in Moscow next year unless the Soviet authorities fulfil the conditions which Britain laid down a year ago when the Government agreed in principle to the holding of such a conference in Moscow under the banner of the Conference. on Security Co-operation in \$

These conditions included the implementation of prom-ised changes in Soviet criminal legislation, the introduction of effective guarantees of freedom of speech; the ending of imprisonment of people in psychiatric wards because of their political or religious beliefs; and the granting of all Jewish refuseniks the right to

A Foreign Office spokes-man said the Soviet authorities had done a great deal in terms of improving their hu-man rights legislation and practices, but a lot remained to be achieved and progress in this respect was slower than

Bonn emphasizes unity as ultimate German goal

German unity must be the ultimate aim of a promised co-operation treaty with East Germany, Herr Rudolf Seiters, the West German Chancellery Minister, told the Bundestag yesterday in the bluntest statement yet of the Bonn Government's hopes of reunification.

While agreeing that the final decision must be left to the East German people, he made it absolutely clear that the treaty must be "the first step on the way to confederal structures, which eventually turn into a federation". Herr Seiters, the Christian Democrat (CDU) minister who has been

most closely involved in negotia-

tions with East Germany since the

fall of the old regime, travels to East

Berlin again next week for meetings

with the Government and oppo-

tie-up with its East German

tionize air travel between the

two countries and pave the way

for even closer co-operation in

Herr Hans Modrow, the caretaker Prime Minister, would go ahead in the middle of next month, he said when the most important theme would be new legislation being prepared for the East German polls on May 6.

It was also important that a new

political and economic framework could be discussed so that East Germans had an encouraging future opening before them. He called on the Government not to delay in introducing real political and economic reforms so that the flow of refugees to the West would stop. Preparatory work on the treaty was going ahead with the transitional Government, he said, although it could only be finalized if a freely elected Parliament was created after the election on May 6. Afterwards sition groups. The visit to Bonn of one aim was to set up a joint group

From Ian Murray, Bonn of members from the two German parliaments.

In the negotiations, he said, the perspective of a federal system for the entire country had to be clearly stated. "We want a freely elected Parliament in East Germany to have such a perspective for the solution of the national question and, along with that, a confirmation of the goal of national German unity."

According to Herr Seiters, the treaty must not be drawn up so that it would perpetuate the division of Germany. Herr Horst Ehmke, the deputy Bundestag leader of the opposition Social Democrats (SPD), did not criticize the stated aims of the Government, although he said it was "silly" to have excluded the SPD from discussions on formulating a policy on a question which affected all the German people. Like Herr Seiters, he was worried about the continuing flow of refugees from the East and called for quick, concrete measures to stem it.

His main criticism was for the latest statement by Herr Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, on the western border of Poland, which he said still failed to make it clear that a reunification of Germany would not lead to a territorial claim on land that was part of the Third Reich in 1937, In Paris on Wednesday Herr Kohl said no responsible politician in West Germany dreamt of making any such claim. "The Germans, and no one should doubt it, have no intention of unleashing a discussion about our frontiers in the Europe of tomorrow which would of necessity call into question the peace of Europe to which we are all committed." However, the Chancellor stuck

to the fine point that it was impossible for the leader of one part of Germany to make a statement renouncing the territorial rights of the entire country. He still maintains that this step can only be taken by the government of a united

This refusal to go the whole way was interpreted by Herr Ehmke as proof that the Chancellor was pandering to far-right voters, who still want to see a Germany reunited in the 1937 borders. • EAST BERLIN: The shaky co-

alition Government in East Germany avoided a threatened breakdown yesterday when the minor parties who support the ruling Communists pledged that they would continue in coalition to preserve stability in the country.

Roads to unity, page 12

Bulgaria orders Zhivkov arrest

From Michael Hornsby, Sofia

disgraced former ruler who was dislodged from power on November 10 in an internal Communist Party coup, has been issued by the Prosecutor-General, it was announced here yesterday.

The Prosecutor-General's power. office said Mr Zhivkov, aged 78, faced charges of "incitement of ethnic hostility and



Mr Zhivkov: Faces charges of inciting ethnic hostility. hatred, unwarranted receiving

of excessive amounts of public property, and malfeasance". gross A warrant had been issued

"to remand in custody" the former ruler and a team of prosecutors had been assigned to conduct the investigation into the charges against him, BTA, the national news

A warrant for the arrest of Mr agency, said. The statement Todor Zhivkov, Bulgaria's did not say if or when Mr Zhivkov would be put on trial, or make clear whether he would be put in jail or kept under house arrest at a residence outside Sofia where he is believed to have been confined since his fall from

The news agency said the investigation would be conducted on the basis of evidence supplied by a parliamentary commission of

• PRAGUE: Communists in Czechoslovakia lost their last hold on power yesterday when Mr Marian Calfa, the Prime Minister, resigned from the Communist Party.

Mr Calfa is the third Communist member of the Government of "national consensus" to resign this month (Peter Green writes). Only seven Communists are now left in the 21-member coalition Government.

Mr Calfa announced his resignation from the party at a regularly scheduled news conference yesterday. He gave no reason. By handing in his party card, Mr Calfa became Czechoslovakia's first noncommunist head of government in 41 years.

Czechoslovakia now joins Poland and Romania as the only East European states run by non-communists.

Lufthansa to join forces with East German airline By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The West German national that Interflug now operates, airline, Lufthansa, is preparing an important commercial flight deck and cabin crews, link the East into its socounterpart, Interflug, in a phisticated computer resmove which could revolu- ervation systems, help develop freight operations and provide electronic software to enable the state-owned sirline to expand into a key international

In plans to be announced carrier. today, Lufthausa will lend the East German airline some of its modern jets to replace the air services agreement beageing Soviet-built aircraft tween the two countries which

At the same time Lufthansa will renew its calls for a formal

signing any agreement and scheduled operations have had to be approved by the allies.

Lufthansa, which is 54 per cent government-owned and has a fleet of 150 aircraft, is convinced that there is a huge demand for cross-border flights which until now it has been enable to meet. Initial moves towards relax-

regular services. Since Ger- when Lufthausa was given lion people now crossing bemany was divided, the two permission to fly between tween East and West at any nations have been barred from Frankfurt and Leipzig. This one time and no restrictions on was renewed two months later road or rail access, it believes and again at the beginning of this year.

Lufthansa is determined, however, to push for far more routes and will argue that they should be negotiated between the two states directly rather than by a circuitous route now allies who ban flights across

cash to build hotels and tourist would enable them to fly more ing controls began in August military zones. With 10 milinfrastructure would be provided from the East and the rest from the West. In particular, however, it is the potential for a skarp pushing for Berlin to be growth in air travel is enor-

opened up to international air mous, provided aviation can be competition. To meet this freed from present constraints. demand, one of the sirports The largely undeveloped needs to be expanded considerably and it favours this holiday areas of the Baltic development in the East Berlin could be a great attraction for tourists, says Lafthansa. It is airport or Schönefeld, rather proposing a joint venture than in the crowded ander which 51 per cent of the the west of the city. than in the crowded sirport in

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From Michael Evans, Vienna

Hungary broke tanks with of Hungary," he said. He Moscow yesterday and called for the removal of all Soviet not approved the new Hungtroops from its territory by arian initiative. 1991 at the latest and a ceiling on all foreign troops stationed in Europe of "well below" Warsaw Pact-Nato divide.

Hangary's proposals, put forward at the Conventional Forces in Europe talks in Vienna, coincided with a call yesterday from Poland for all Soviet troops to be withdrawn Soviet troops to be withdrawn from its territory by the end of West Germany: the United 1990 — the third eastern bloc States, Britain and France. country to make such a demand.

Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, put the de-mand to the Soviet ambassador in Gdansk. Mr Walesa told Mr Vladimir Brovikov that the withdrawal of all 45,000 Soviet troops in Poland would be a condition of his country's building a new relationship with the Kremlin.

So far, as a gesture, the Soviet Union has begun removing some 10,000 soldiers. Mr Walesa was invited to visit Moscow for further The Hungarian proposal talks and Solidarity sources say a meeting "is envisaged" with President Gorbachov.

Hungary's initiative, how-Warsaw Pact country has presented a new proposal on recent months. its own at the CFE talks without first getting approval in central Euro from Moscow.

for the withdrawal from Hungary of the 50,000 to 60,000 Soviet troops was clearly a response to Czechoslovakia's similar demands on Moscow.

Prague has dealt with the Hungary's decision to include was obviously aimed at causing the maximum impact at

troops to leave by the end of

political, military-security or arms control character, that would justify the stationing of posal to cut Soviet forces in

However, in talks which are expected to begin with Soviet officials next week, Budapest 275,000 on each side of the will offer December 1991 as the final deadline.

Hungary's second proposal for lower limits on stationed foreign forces would have significant implications for the three Nato countries with

Nato has proposed that US and Soviet forces stationed in Europe be cut to 275,000 each. This would mean the withdrawal and demobilization of 325,000 Soviet and 30,000 American troops. The Warsaw Pact has proposed a ceiling of 300,000 to 350,000, but to include all stationed forces, not just those of the two superpowers.

could be in line with the Bush Administration, some of whose officials believe that the 275,000 ceiling is too high and ever, is significant because it is out of step with the political represents the first time that a developments that have transdevelopments that have trans-formed Eastern Europe in

is own at the CFE talks orthout first getting approval in central Europe, mostly in West Germany. Britain has The accelerated timetable 69,700 Army and RAF personnel in West Germany, and France 52,700. Nato forces in Europe total 467,000. Nato has refused to counte-

nance the inclusion of any of the non-American forces in matter on a bilateral basis, but the proposed manpower ceiling, so it is likely that the Soviet troops in its initiative Hungarian initiative will be rejected.

The Soviet Union, faced with demands to withdraw its Yesterday Mr Ferenc Somo- troops from Czechoslovakia. gyi, one of two state secretaries Hungary and now Poland - a at the Ministry for Foreign total of about 180,000 soldiers Affairs in Budapest, who flew - must be wondering where it to Vienna to present the new is going to be allowed to proposals, said that his Gov- station its forces under a CFE ernment would like the Soviet agreement. East Germany would be the only country left

So far, the Soviet Union has "It is our position that there withdrawn 10,000 troops, 470 are no reasons, be they of a tanks and 200 guns from foreign troops on the territory Eastern Europe by 50,000.

Yugoslav feuding points to end of power monopoly

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

Whatever compromise may be congress to stand by demand: devised to save the fractured that democratic centralism Yugoslav communist party, associated with the centralism the Yogoslav League of Communists, the congress which munist party be abolished, opens tomorrow is expected to which be riven by national factions the for representing policies so far force. spart they can hardly be Seri

federal party's secretary — a tolerated but, finding itself Slovene often targeted for increasingly isolated in recent attack by the conservative weeks, its hitherto firm oppo-faction mainly associated with sition to democratic reform in Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the general and to a multi-party Serbian hardline leader, has spoken of the party's abandoning its monopoly in favour of a melti-party system.

But fears remain in Serbia that the end of the communist monopoly will lead to the growth of nationalistic parties and hasten the fragmentation of Yugoslavia into a feuding collection of Balkan states. This remains the case although events in Romania have clearly prompted even accept physiism and change some of their centralist **POSTURES**

The old argument that only a Centralized communist party could hold Yngoslevia's dis-Parate republics together was proved long ago as the disproved 1988; and lederal party has seen prac-

The Shevene communists Who stand for democratic reforms last week formally ap-Proved reconstructing the federal League of Communists effectively as a coalition of independent parties, as widely apart ideologically as social democrats are from Com-muists in Western Europe.

If this is not accepted, the Moceed as an independent organization ju so way bound by federal leadership.

the other hand, have in-thracted their delegates to the last chance for Yugoslavia.

munist party be abolished which amounts to the death of the federal party as a political

Serbia alone stands firmly reconciled. The party is facing behind a centralized com-the threat of disintegration. behind a centralized com-munist party structure in system in particular has been relaxed.

Ethnic tensions in Yugo slavie are on the boil with the six republics and the country's numerous ethnic groups conducting a proxy civil war through the media. Serbia has imposed an economic boycott on Slovene goods, while the Serbian politicians and their totally controlled media keep accusing Yugoslavia's northeru republics of building an anti-Serbian alliance and aiming to break up the Yugoslav federal state.

In the prevailingly Albanian-populated Kosovo autonomous region, where the Serbs are applying the old repressive methods against Albanian nationalism, a state tically all its power move to the regional party leaderships. people died in demonstrations

> Once the most open comnow finds itself at the tail-end of East European reforms. On the eve of the congress at which the party should relin-quish its monopoly, Serbia is in open conflict with Slovenia. Croatis and Mr Ante Markovic, the federal Prime Minmists could ister, whose daring prone of liberal economic and political reform not only enjoys folsome support from other parts of the country but

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Out of bounds: Soldiers turn back a man and his children taking a shortcut past the National Salvation Front headquarters in Bucharest. Security was stepped up yesterday as Romania's interim Government lifted its ban on the Communist Party.

Front cancelled a January 12 decree banning the party, which ran the country with a rod of iron for more than 40

Mr Silviu Brucan, a key member of the Front's inner circle, said that a second decree calling for a referendum on the death penalty was also abrogated.

The result of yesterday's announcement was that two pichiscites scheduled for January 28 were called off. The Front had earlier agreed to let Romanians decide whether to Ceausescu's harsh 24-year re-.gime. He said: "It is a fact that • Church resignation: Patrithe party has excluded itself from the political life of the country." Mr Brucan added: Romanian Orthodox Church, resigned yesterday, a senior There is no democratic country which should forbid by law the existence of the Com-

munist Party."

Bucharest (Reuter) - The ded 24 hours of speculation in Bucharest that the Front was preparing another of the policy changes which have col-

From Mr Brucan's remarks it seemed clear that free elections scheduled for April

Emerging political parties have called for more time to organize and the Front has said it is not opposed to a

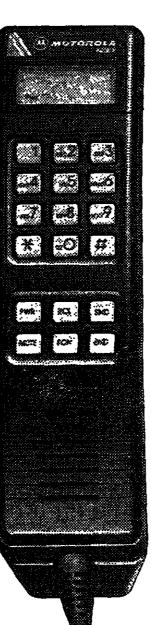
Since it took power after the overthrow and execution of Ceausescu last month, the new regime has been bedevilled by the issues of the death penalty and the Communist Party.

First it abolished capital punishment, after Ceausescu and Elena, his wife, went before a firing squad on Christmas Day.

But under pressure from an ban the Communist Party or angry crowd wanting revenge not. Mr Brucan said that against detained members of communism was a spent force the Securitate, it agreed by in Romania after Nicolae decree to put the issue to a referendum.

arch Teoctist, the head of the resigned yesterday, a senior church official said (Reuter

reports). Archimandrite Casian Craciun declined to say why the He said that the only kind of Patriarch had stepped down, party that would be banned in but he had been criticized for Romania would be a fascist supporting the Ceausescu



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Much more time appears to

Mr Quayle himself acknow-

matic sensitivities" surround-

ing the proposed timing of his visits, but asserted: "No coun-

try has said, 'We don't want

This is the second example

the Vice-President, period."

high-level US attention.

settles down.

Mr Dan Quayle, his Vice- invasion of Panama, are tour of Latin America to known to have told the White explain the United States House that Mr Quayle's visit invasion of Panama has met would be distinctly unhelpful with a sharp rebuff.

Some of the most important could lead to anti-American nations in the region have said demonstrations. that they do not want to see Mr Quayle at this time.

The President announced elections on February 5, but the plan at a press conference other key nations, such as military muscle in Panama, on January 5, saying that he Peru, Bolivia and El Salvador, which shares a border with had asked Mr Quayle to visit are also off the list. 'a number of countries within the next several weeks" on a official who was quoted in The mission of "enormous importance". Mr Bush admitted that the invasion on December 20 had damaged Washington's relations with Latin American countries.

He said Mr Quayle was "to personally deliver" a message from him that the US wanted to be "a friendly, supportive and respectful neighbour" and was not reverting to "a wilful use of force ... that has no

Now, instead of countryhopping, Mr Quayle's itinerary is restricted to three presidential inaugurations between now and mid-March which he was scheduled to of the Administration's badly attend in any case - besides visits to Panama and to America since the invasion.

Mexico and Venezuela, shelving plans to deploy a government'

President Bush's plan to send both outspoken critics of the naval task force off the Colombian coast to prevent President, on a fence-mending among nations which are drugs being shipped to the United States by air or sea.

Advance leaks of the plan, which was to have been unveiled formally by the to their governments and Pentagon this week, used the term "blockade", which en-A visit to Costa Rica has raged Colombians, whose senbeen ruled out because it has sitivities had already been heightened by the use of US military muscle in Panama.

Mr Quayle will now make two trips to Latin America. He will attend the inauguration of Señor Rafael Callejas, the Washington Post yesterday admitted there had been a White House "miscalcula-President-elect, in Honduras tion" in believing that Latin on January 27, before travelling on to Panama and Ja-maica. He will also attend America would appreciate presidential inaugurations in Brazil and Chile on March 11 be needed before Latin American hostility to the use of US and 15 respectively.

• STRASBOURG: The Eurmilitary force in the region opean Parliament yesterday condemned the US invasion ledged that there were "diploand called for the immediate withdrawal from Panama of US "occupying troops" (AP

The 518-member assembly said that the military intervention had been a "flagrant violation of the sovereignty misjudging the mood in Latin and integrity of an indepen-dent state" - even if the A few days ago, it admitted nation had no "freely elected

South Africa reviews ANC ban

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

The Acropolis, shrouded in a brown smog, is surrounded by uncollected rabbish as a dustmen's strike enters its ninth day in Athens. Fears are growing that the rotting piles of rubbish and the pollution could pose a health hazard in the Greek capital.

Monument to dustmen's strike

ment is reviewing its banning order on the African National Cougress (ANC) and the South African Communist Party. It has also invited another prominent anti-apartheid organization to apply for the removal of restrictions against it.

Conciliatory statements by senior Cabinet ministers yesterday came after an announcement by the United Democratic Front, the principal surrogate of the ANC. that it would no longer submit to restrictions imposed on it two years ago.

Mr Marphy Morobe, Front spokesman, said it intended reopening offices throughout the country and would intensify its defiance campaign launched last year. Mr Adriaan Vlok, the Min-

The South African Govern- ister of Law and Order, said in Valli, assistant secretary-gena statement that if the Front eral of the Front, said his orbelieved its activities were no longer a threat to the public, the maintainance of law and order, or the ending of the state of emergency, it was free to apply to him to have the ions lifted.

He said, however, that if the Front violated the restrictions without permission, it would contravene the emergency regulations and any such action would be investigated by the Attorney-General. Mr Kobie Coetsee, the Jus-

tice Minister, said the Government was reviewing restrictions on all banned organizations. Asked whether the ANC and the communists were included, he reiterated that it was a "comprehensive review" of all organizations.

However Mr Mohammed political, trade union and ha-

man rights groups, it claims more than two million memganization had no intention of applying for the restrictions to be lifted. "Our decision to operate is not dependent on Mr Vlok's consent. We have

reached a point now where we are convinced the Government has no choice but to allow organizations like the UDF to operate openly."

A sign of the times is that the media is flouting laws that prohibit the quoting of banned people. The Afrikaans-language daily Beeld published a front-page report this week quoting Mr Joe Slovo, the nunist leader.

The Front, formed in 1983. is the most important antiapartheid alliance operating openly in South Africa. As a coalition of several hundred

bers and orchestrates campaigns in consultation with the ANC leadership in Lusaka. The abolition of bans and

restrictions on auti-apartheid groups is one of the measures insisted upon by the ANC as a precondition for negotiations. Dr Denis Worrall, co-leader of the liberal Democratic

Party, yesterday called on President de Klerk to accede to the demands when he opened Parliament in Cape Town on February 2. "Failure to announce these steps will have profound negative consequen-ces for South Africa. We have to grab the imagination, the wonder and respect of the international community very quickly, and that means that Mr de Klerk cannot drop the ball on February 2."

Far-right. Japanese shoots mayor

From Joe Joseph Tokyo

Mr Hitoshi Motoshima, the Mayor of Nagasaki, was yesterday shot through the chest by a right-wing extremist.

Mr Motoshima who had broken a Japanese taboo by suggesting that the late Emperor Hirohito, venerated by nationalists as a god, bore some responsibility for the Second World War, was shot by Mr Kazumi Tajiri, a prominent right-wing activist who later confessed.

Mr Motoshima, shot from behind as he emerged from Nagasaki City Hall, was taken for surgery at a nearby hos-pital. His condition was serious, but his life was said not to be in danger.

The Roman Catholic mayor made his controversial remark in December 1988, when Hirohito's failing health had reopened a worldwide debate about his war conduct. The remark drew a battal-

ion of angry right-wingers in army lornes to Nagasaki.

They patrolled the streets, flying the Rising Sun flag blasting military music through loudhailers, and menacing the mayor with death threats and gunshots at his office windows. Because of the death threats

and the arrival of live bullets in his mail, Mr Motoshima had been under 24-hour guard by police. But, tiring of the security. Mr Motoshima had asked for the police guard to be called off last month.

Harassment of the mayor had stirred public debate in Japan about Hirohito's past. His shooting has sparked another one about the tolerance of free speech in a conservative and traditional society, in which notions of racial purity and superiority are never far from the surface.

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the former Prime Minister, sang the praises of the "moneracia state", and history textbooks gloss over Japanese war atrocities. The "unique" intestines of the Japanese have been cited as a reason they cannot eat imported beef, while the "uniqueness" of Japanese snow has been put forward as a rationale not to buy skis made in Europe.

Japanese nationalists yearn for the glorious days when the Emperor ruled as well as reigned over a continental

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TV drugs drama sparks Mexico-US war of words

From James Bone, New York

A television fictionalization of the murder of an American drug agent has caused a "miniseries war" between Mexico and the US.

The NBC television network's three-part series, Drug Wars: The Camarena Story, dramatizes the life and death of Mr Enrique Camarena Salazar, a US Drug Enforcement Administration agent who was kidnapped by Mexican police in 1985 and found dead a

The series, which was filmed with the cooperation of the DEA and shown on national television last week, was accompanied by news coverage in which US officials cast doubt on Mexico's commitment to the war on drugs.

The Mexican Government has reacted furiously to the suggestion of widespread corruption and complicity in drug trafficking by Mexican officials.

The state-owned television network Imevision accused Mr Camarena, who is glorified in the NBC series, of being "one more drug trafficker" who infiltrated the American still believe it".

anti-drug agency, betrayed his partner and for that reason was murdered.

Notimex, the state-owned news agency reported that Mexico planned to reopen the Camarena case and begin a new investigation of the dead agent's alleged links with two

cocaine barons now in Mexican jails. On Tuesday a Mexican private sector group placed a provocative full-page advertisement in The New York Times, proclaiming that Mexico says "No to drugs" and asking "And meanwhile, what have you done in the USA?" Although neither government wants the dispute to escalate, there have already been

calls in Mexico for the expulsion of the 40 or so DEA agents now in the country. Despite the controversy, Washington is standing by Mr Camarena, whom Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, described this week as "an outstanding DEA agent who performed valiantly ... President

Bush has said Camarena was a hero and we

WORLD ROUNDUP

Aoun tightens gag on Beirut press

West Beirut - General Michel Aoun, the Lebanese Christian leader, is intensifying his campaign to force the Beirut press to endorse his military cabinet as the only legitimate government (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes).

Yesterday, soldiers prevented the distribution of the French-language L'Orient-Le Jour for not complying with his directive on Tuesday banning any reference to President Hrawi as the head of state. An-Nahar in west Beirut has stopped publication and ad-Diyar, the leading daily in east Beirut, has challenged the ban, incurring a week's suspension and a possible jail sentence for its editor of up to five years. Three radio stations are on strike.

Poor-snow payments

Geneva - With the persistent anticyclone set to continue over the Alps, the Swiss Government has decided to indemnify winter sports employees losing earnings because of a lack of snow for the third winter in a row (Alan McGregor writes). Compensation is to be paid from unemployment insurance funds. The arrangement will be made permanent in a Bill being put before Parliament which will provide payments to cover losses due to "accidents of weather". Ski instructors, ski-lift attendants and hotel and restaurant employees will be the main beneficiaries. Only those who have ceased all gainful employment will qualify.

Bush aide in Manila Washington - President Bush has sent a top aide on a

sudden mission to the Philippines to underscore US support for President Aquino (Martin Fletcher writes). The move follows reports that another coup attempt may soon be mounted against Mrs Aquino. In December she survived the sixth and most serious coup attempt after Mr Bush authorized the use of American warplanes to give her forces aircover. The trip to Manila of Mr Robert Gates, the Deputy National Security adviser, was not announced until after he had left on Wednesday. Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, said be was going to make it clear the US would back Mrs Aquino in the face of "continuing reports of problems in terms of security forces".

Oil menaces Madeira

Funchal (Renter) - Portugal appealed to the European Community yesterday to help it prevent an ecological disaster on the Madeira islands, threatened by a 13-mile oil slick. The Navy asked for tanks and booms from the EC's anti-pollution department to contain the spill, which has already polluted beaches and killed wildlife, officials said.

The regional government fears the slick could ruin the tourism trade on the main islands, Madeira and Porto Santo, and devastate a sanctuary for rare seals and birds. Stretches of Porto Santo's golden sands have been blackened by oily sludge and the slick has also washed ashore on the rocky northern coast of Madeira, one of Europe's favourite winter holiday spots.

Italy tackles smog

Rome - In an attempt to reduce air pollution, Signor Carmelo Conte, the Italian Minister for Urban Areas, vesterday called on mayors to close their city centres to traffic (Paul Bompard writes). He also asked that an existing law on the construction of parking space be respected. In Milan, where lack of wind and rain has kept a vast cloud of smog hovering over the city for two weeks, the mayor has signed an order forbidding the use of private cars on Sunday. The only precedent is a Sunday driving ban imposed in the early 1970s to reduce oil imports.

China releases 573 pro-democracy protesters



Professor Fang Lizhi: May

yesterday it had released from prison 573 people arrested for credits, diplomats said. taking part in the pro-demo-Army last June.

The Ministry of Public Security said the prisoners were freed because they had pleaded guilty and repented. It called on unrepentant offend-

ers to do likewise. "Our policy is to educate anyone who can be educated and temper punishment with leniency," a spokesman for manhunts after troops, supthe ministry was quoted as saying by the official New China News Agency.

reported the release of prisoners detained for anti-government activities last year.

badly needed foreign bank There was no way of verifycracy unrest crushed by the ing the report, which did not mention names, say when the

prisoners were released or describe their offences. A police spokesman said he had not heard of the move and declined to specify how many dissidents remain in custody.

Security forces rounded up thousands of dissidents and "hooligans" in nationwide ported by heavy armour, shot Peking last week after nearly their way into Peking last June eight months. Western nato crush the student-led de-It is the first time China has monstrations for democracy.

"counter-revolutionary rebellion". Few trials have been The announcement was cal-shown publicly and no official be allowed to leave embassy. culated to improve China's sentencing figures have been

published. More than 800 Chinese have been sentenced to prison for pro-democracy activities, many for as long as 10 years, The Washington Post quoted Chinese sources as saying this week.

Western nations protested against China's crackdown by imposing limited sanctions, including a halt to new goverament credits. Most have now lifted some of those punitive measures and a further easing is expected.

Martial law was lifted in tions. led by the United States, hailed the move as a step in

China has termed the unrest the right direction. A Western diplomat said of the prisoner releases reported yesterday: "This announce-

especially important in the United States." Asian diplomats in Tokyo solution to the main stum-

tions was under discussion. Professor Fang Lizhi, the wanted dissident still sheltering with his wife inside the US Embassy in Peking, might be allowed to leave for a third had made errors.

package, the diplomats said. A Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman declined comment Britain on behalf of its colony, yesterday, a shift from previous denials of a deal. He did not repeat previous Chinese ultimatums that Professor

human rights image, which is fess and mend his ways, Several dissidents have been released in recent weeks. Wang Yan, a political scientist said on Wednesday that a who worked with the exiled dissident Yan Jiaqi, was freed bling-block in Sino-US rela-

late last month. Gao Xin, one of four hunger strikers in Tiananmen Square on June 4 last year, was also freed from prison last month. HONG KONG: A rush began here to sell off the

country if he admitted that he world's biggest ivory stockpile after winning a six-month The World Bank would reprieve from a worldwide resume leading as part of the export ban yesterday (Reuter reports).

prohibits imports but allows the disposal of existing stocks under a strict licensing system. Leading article, page 13

ment looks like it's for foreign Repatriation crisis

Hong Kong introduces fast-track refugee screening From Jonathan Brande, Hong Kong

ing procedures for Vietnamese boat people arriving in the territory, in a renewed attempt to discourage others from risking the dangerous journey from Vietnam.

Newcomers are being interviewed almost immediately at a special reception centre, while those already languishing in crowded detention camps here will still have to wait months for the chance to prove that they are genuine political refugees.

The Hong Kong Government colony's Secretary for Sechas introduced faster screen- urity, said that the fast-track screening programme was an attempt to strengthen and speed up the message that those arriving in Hong Kong would be deported if they were refugees. "screened out" as economic migrants.

The Government is also claiming that the sooner nonrefugees can be sent home, the easier it will be to reintegrate them into Vietnamese society.

had the same right as other boat people to appeal within 28 days if determined as non-Amnesty International has expressed concern over the

the six lawyers employed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to However, there is no plan at monitor the process are althis stage to put those who are ready overstretched. screened out under the fast-The office of the High Mr Geoffrey Barnes, the track policy at the head of the Commissioner fears that the

twin-track screening policy for

the boat people, stating that

will slow down the screening Mr Barnes stressed that they of the huge backlog in the camps. Mr Barnes said the new

> the new year. But, during the visit earlier this week of Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, British officials hinted at the idea as if it were still on the

policy had been in place since

drawing-board. Officials were unable to comment yesterday on the timing of the Secretary for Security's announcement.

been intended for presentation this week at a meeting of the Steering Committee on Indo-Chinese Refugees in Geneva.

States, will try to reach international agreement on Britain's controversial policy of forced repatriation for nonrefugees.

One hundred and forty-four

queue for repatriation to priority given to new arrivals policy might originally have priority over the 34,000 boatpeople who sailed into the territory last year.

There have been no further mandatory repatriations since the much-criticized deporta-That meeting, now post- tion of 51 Vietnamese last poned until next Tuesday at month, although Britain inthe request of the United sists the policy has not been put on ice.

However, more than 1,000 people have returned to Victnam under the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees-sponsored voluntary Vietnamese boat people have repatriation scheme, and arrived in Hong Kong since another 1,200 people are ex-Observers point out that the January 1. They will have pected to follow them.

Britain fails in attempt to increase EC power base been argued that its under- for the latest appointments, while

Strasbourg

Britain yesterday failed to sway the European Commission into increasing the number of prime posts it will hold in Brussels in the countdown to 1992 and the single market.

After intense horse-trading, it appears that Sir Leon Brittan, the British Commissioner, has been unsuccessful in his move to end what Britzin perceives as its inadequate representation in the EC hierarchy. Britain has gained a had reput-ation in Brussels for seeking to alter

draft laws late in the day, but it has

representation has been a prime

Sir Leon recently blocked the new appointments as a lever to attempt to have the job of director-general in charge of industry and the 1992 single market - one of the most strategic posts in Brossels - given to

However, Signer Riccardo Perri-sich, an Italian, has been chosen for the job. One of his deputies will be British,

The Commission cites the need to appoint interzally as its chief reason

promising to respect "the personal wishes of the Commissioners" and an accurate balance between the gnember states.

France and Italy have landed some prime positions in the past through tough lobbying, but White-hall has considered this approach musentlemanly. The latest appointments may encourage Britain to change its tactics.

However, although losing the strategic single market portfolio, Britain has won the prime post of directing customs union and indirect

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taxation, which will become more important as Community borders are lowered and taxes approximated in the run-up to 1992,

This post may be filled by Mr John Mogg, who was seconded to the Department of Trade and Industry from the Cabinet Office. In return for the customs and

taxation portfolio, Britain loses its position of controlling the EC's task force for promoting small and medium-sized businesses. A West German delegate will replace Mr Alan Mayhew.

Britain will have three director-

generals (one for personnel), in addition to Mr David Williamson, currently the secretary-general and titular head of the Commission рагевастасу.

French will head agriculture, the budget and technology, while West Germans will be in charge of external relations, Third World development, small businesses and the powerful competition portfolio, which goes to Herr Claus-Dieter

His position as Commission spokesman is also expected to go to a West German

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Tories interrupt as Patten gives poll tax details

To a barrage of interruptions from his own backbenchers, Mr Christopher Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, set out his proposals for centrai government support for local authorities under the community charge.

He said that for the past 10 to 15 years there bad been arguments about how to control local government spending and how to raise money efficiently

In recent years local government spending had been increasing more quickly than that of central government spending. The community charge would lead to preater clarity and accountability.

The Government would have no hesitation in charge-capping councils which set over-high

Mr Patten, moving approval of five reports on local govern-ment spending and central government support, said that they formed the basis for the local government grants settlement for next year.

Whatever ones views about the new system of financing local government, I think there is very little doubt that there will be more clarity about local government spending in the future than there has been in the

"Second. I believe that there will be more accountability about local government spending... I think one of the reasons for some of the opposition that we have experienced in the last few weeks is precisely because of that greater clarity and greater ntability."

Mr James Pawsey (Rugby and Kenilworth, C), interven-ing said that standard spending assessments (SSAs) worked to shire counties and this would be reflected in the community

"The way in which SSAs are being calculated is fundamentally incorrect and fundamentally

Sir Alan Glyn (Windsor and Maidenbead, C) asked for further government concessions on SSAs and safety ness. His constituents faced a community

Mr Patten said that Wind- year.

though not as much as the council would have liked. A community charge figure of such a size would suggest an increase in council spending of 20 per cent.

No one doubted that local authorities undertook vital functions, often very well. But whatever accolades were showered on them, it was unreasonable to argue that there should be one rule for the control of local government spending and another for central government

Most of the row for the past 10 to 15 years had been on a simple point. Local authorities said that central government was not providing enough money and that they intended to spend more, regardless of the burden on taxpayers and rate-payers. Central government then said that it must constrain local government spending. local government spending.

Whatever the rows in the Commons, the position was the same every year — the real level of local authority spending in-creased more rapidly that central government spending.

in the past five years, central government current expen-diture had increased by 2.4 per cent. That of local government has increased by 9.4 per cent. So even if it were argued that central government had attempted to squeeze local government until the pips squeaked, what had happened was that local government spending had taken a larger proportion of total public expenditure year after year.

Local authorities said that the reason for high community charges would not be their spending decisions but something inherent in the commu-nity charge itself or the switchover from grant related expenditure to SSAs.

"Many of the sort of figures for spending increases being suggested by local authorities for next year would have meant the most astronomic increases in domestic rates if we were not going over. It is levels of spending which determine the level of the community charge."

The Government was allowing for £32.8 billion on local authority expenditure next year. That represented an increase of 11 per cent over what it had been prepared to provide this

of some meannness this year? It was difficult to argue that because this year's figure was 9.9 per cent higher than last year's, and last year's figure was 7.3 per cent more than the figure for the year before. However, all local authorities had said that on average they intended to budget over that 9.1 per cent increase by 7 per cent. That represented £1.9 billion extra. "The basis of the local authorities case is that what-

ever the level of overspending, whatever the outturn on spending in one year, this should be taken as the base line for increases in spending the next year. The logic of that argument is that local authority expen-diture would never be within control, that local authority expenditure would increase year after year as a proportion of public expenditure."

There was power in legislation to charge cap, just as there had previously been power to rate cap. Many argued that it would be wrong to charge-cap because they thought it wrong to interrupt the transmission mechanism between what a local authority spent and the purse or wallet of the commu-

nity charge payer.
"I understand that argument particularly well, but if some of the horrendously high figures for community charge which we have heard being bandied about are actually set next year, we will have absolutely no hesitation in capacing the authorities concapping the authorities con-cerned (Conservative cheers). Many of the MPs had said

that the Government should go further and meet the costs of the safety net in the first year as well, at a cost of £650 million. "I want to face that issue

absolutely squarely with Con-servative MPs. I do not believe that this is a matter to which one can bring much in the way of scientific judgement. It is en-tirely a matter of political judgement and of one's views of priorities."

Looking at other ways of spending money, he could not press the case for spending an extra £650 million on parts of the country which were benefiting from the changes. He wanted finally to come to the question of the con-sequences of the move from

GREAs (grant-related expen-

diture assessment) to SSAs.

cast in stone (loud Conservative cries of "Hear, hear" and "more"). If MPs or the local authorities in their constituencies wish to come to us with fresh evidence for new methodology for SSAs, we are quite prepared to look at changes . .

Mr Ian Bruce (South Dorset, C) asked him to explain why Dorset would be losing £6 million grant after his constituents had been assured that this would be a fairer system and that they would be getting a greater amount of grant. Mr Patten said that, overall in

Dorset, there was an increase of 7 per cent in SSA over GREA

"The SSA methodology is not going in next year over this. st in stone (loud Conservative "But I am quite prepared to look ies of "Hear, hear" and at new evidence brought by him and other MPs based on the

Mr Patrick Nicholls, Under Secretary of State, Department of Employment, at the

Criterion project in central London yesterday, where he launched the regulations that will make the wearing of safety helmets compulsory on building sites from the end of March.

Mr Ralph Howell (North Norfolk, C) said the scheme was flawed from the start and nothing could repair it. It should be scrapped. Mr Brian Gould, chief Oppo-

sition spokesman on the environment, said that the debate would gave an opportunity for those who might have pre-viously endorsed the Government's proposals to make a new judgement on their practical

MPs were under an obligation and a 11 per cent increase in to reach a new judgement now total aggregate external finance on the basis of the facts pre-

Prime Minister's Ouestions

Mr Patten's speech had revealed a lack of warmth for his own proposals. He had made a number of

sented to them in these reports.

attempts to change them, introducing safety nets and transi-tional relief. "But we now must accept that the the Secretary of State (Mr Patten) has reached the end of the road." He could do nothing more. "He is unwilling to find any more money (Mr Patten nodded).

"There is nothing this House can do save by voting tonight to force the Treasury's hand. We can still come to the aid of Mr Patten, who has clearly lost the debate in Cabinet, by voting against these reports."

Ministers guilty of deceit, says Kinnock

The Government was guilty of incompetence and deceit over the poll tax, Mr Neil Kinnock said during noisy exchanges at question time. He called the tax absurd and dishonest.

Mrs Thatcher countered his and other Opposition criticism by saying that the community charge would prove to be much fairer than the rating system.

There was loud laughter on the Opposition benches when she referred to the charge as the poll tax, and Mr Charles Kennedy Ross. Cromarty and Sleve.

sne reterren to the charge as the poll tax, and Mr Charles Kennedy (Ross, Cromarty and Skye, Lib Dem) warmly congratulated her on using the "correct term".

Mr Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, opening the exchanges, said that the poll-tax bills that people got would be much bigger than those promised by the Government. This gap between promise and reality showed that the Government was guilty of both incompetence and deception.

Mrs Thatcher: No. The Government set the level of reasonable spending for the coming year at 11 per cent over reasonable spending for this year. If local authorities spend over that, the community charges, it would be well to look for the fault to Labour local authorities. authorities.

Mr Kinnock: She is trying to

deceive yet again.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) asked him to re-

phrase his remark.

Mr Kianock: The Prime Minister just cannot stop herself trying to misrepresent the situation. Did she not yet understand that local authorities all over the country, Conservative as well as Labour, were telling her repeatedly, as were some Tory MPs, that the poll-tax system was both absurd and dishonest.

Mes Thurcher said that the

new poll-tax system — (Labour langhter and interruptions) — the community charge would be much fairer and make local councils accountable to the electorate. It would der which were the extravagant authorities and which were the careful spenders.
It was Labour authorities that

were extravagant, and that was why Mr Kinnock was opposed to the community charge.

Mr Kinnock said that, even if

that were partly true, would the Prime Minister say why she thought that so many Conservative MPs would have such difficulty in supporting her in the vote on the new system transient.

the policies of her rump of a party in Scotland.

Mrs. Thatcher said that the community charge was by far the fairest way of paying for the very small proportion of local government expenditure. The inxpayer

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their firepower for extravagant Labour local authorities.

Mr Kennedy spoke of the

by MPs from Scotland on his side of the House, that only three of those Conservatives likely to withhold support or to work against her tonicht had

nkery to winnoid support or to vote against her tonight had bothered to vote against precisely the same legislation when it was pushed through with regard to Scotland.

Scottish ministers had been

warning colleagues of the so-called dire consequences of poll-tax because it highlighted the unjust and fraudulent nature of the tax and the failed nature of

paid by far the greater part and businesses paid the next greater part. All the reliefs and relates and the transitional relief were paid for by the taxpayer.

"I wonder why those who criticize the community charge have no alternative to offer."

Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab) said that in Scotland an estimated one million people were in serious arrears with poli-tax payments and at least 500,000 had made no payment at all. Even the Financial Times was today describing it as a fiscal monstrosity, and 40 or to rebel tonight. It was unjust

the vast majority of people.

Mrs Thatcher: It is much fairer than domestic rating revaluation. Revaluation after seven years had caused enormous problems in Scotland and in England it would have been after 17 years ... Once it was properly working, people would know that it was much better and fairer than the tax it

replaced.

Mr Gary Waller (Keighley, C) said that companies providing employment in the North and Midlands welcomed the unified business rate, which would protert them from high-spending complaint was that the phasing-in period would prevent their getting the full benefit for some time. Labour authorities, and the only

Mrs Thatcher said that the new business rate would help to tonight.

Mrs Thatcher replied that businesses were not the prey of perhaps they should reserve extravagant local authorities.

High pay awards 'will kill jobs'

A warning against excessive pay awards unmatched by product-ivity was sounded by Mr Richard Ryder, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, at question

He was responding to Mr Andrew Mackay (East Berk-shire, C), who said that, before Christmas, shop stewards at Ford had very sensibly told their members that excessive wage claims would lead to job losses and loss of business.

"Is he, like me, disappointed at the wage offer that has been made by the Ford management and so irresponsibly rejected by

the trade unious?" Mr Ryder expressed dis-appointed that the unions at Ford had not accepted the offer because excessive pay awards ultimately caused unemploy-ment unless they were matched

per cent. Mr Ken Livingstone (Brent East, Lab) said that the biggest impact on inflation would be made if the deficit on long-term capital flow out of Britain was

It was the basic reason why the Government needed to keep short-term interest rates so high

balance that.

sition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, asked if the Government stood by the Chancellor's prediction that inflation would be at an annual rate of 5.75 per cent by the fourth quarter of this year? erately increased the cost of by increases in productivity.

Earlier, he said that the underlying rate of inflation, excluding mortgage interest payments (Labour protests), was 6.1

per cent.

Mr. K. Liebersteen (Report) When would the Government

mortgage rates simply to allow British capital to flow abroad at the rate of a £30 billion deficit? Mr Ryder: Industry has far more to fear from inflation and high pay awards than from

If the Government delib-

admit that it was responsible for the underlying rate of inflation? Mr Ryder said that the answer to his first question was yes, and to the second question: industry had far more to fear from inflation and high pay awards

than from high interest rates.

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- to attract short-term capital to

a guarded welcomed by a Labour MP. Did anyone really value the Dr John Reid (Motherwell North, freedom to carry on paying vast Lab) asked who would benefit. Would it be the children, or would the Exchequer benefit instead? Mrs Thatcher said that the mother

and children would benefit. The scheme was being worked out now and would be brought forward "in due course". Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Littleborough Mr John Smith, chief Oppoand Saddleworth, C) said that young couples had always had a job rearing and educating children. Could it be right,

The Prime Minister's proposal in a speech yesterday that absent fathers should be forced to contribute to the maintenance of their children was given from their financial responsibilities?

Conservative MPs and most of the public very much welcomed her statement the previous night.

Mrs Thatcher: We believe that all people have a responsibility for mainte-nance of their children and should not be allowed to escape it. The Government would make arrangements for collecting maintenance more effective. Later, at business questions, Dr John Cunningham, shadow Leader of the House, welcomed the Prime Minister's 'belated" recognition that lone parents

Guarded welcome for 'family' speech families, after a decade of her admin-istration, faced serious financial dif-

He said that the plight of lone parent families had been made much worse by the freezing of child benefit, the "under-mining" of the availability of housing benefit and the forcing up of mortgage

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, said that the Government's policies wer designed to raise the total economic propserity of the country and to ensure that the resources generated went increasingly to those whose needs were greatest.

• CENTRAL BANK: The Prime Min-

Sir Peter Tapsell (Lindsey East, C) had said said that if the Governor of the Bundesbank was being serious and not merely seeking to tease his own Finance Minister this week when he called for the establishment of a European central bank, totally free from all political controls, would the Prime Minister reiterate the fact that this would be overwhelmingly rejected by people of all political persuasions in this country.

the House agreed, too, judging by the recent debate.

Mrs Thatcher agreed. She added that

Howe refuses statement on Scottish judge

Calls for a government state-ment about the resignation of Lord Dervaird as a High Court judge in Scotland after allega-tions of homosexual behaviour were firmly rejected by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the

Responding to MPs at business questions, he said that the conduct of Scottish judges was entirely a matter for the Lord President of the Court of Session.

Mr Jim Sillars (Glasgow,

Govan, SNP) said that important points of principle concerning civil liberties and the matter of the legal process in Scotland had been raised. "The issue of civil liberties is

whether or not a person who is a practising homosexual within the law should be protected in his office of employment.

"If that was not the case with entitled to a statement on his

reasons for resigning."

Advocate had dragged Lord Hope, Lord President of the Court of Session, from a judgemental to an inquisitorial position which should have been applied by the Lord Advocate, the Crown Office, the Procurator Fiscal.

"Matters of this kind, of important principle, will have to be raised and answered. It is far better that the Government come clean now than for people to believe there is a cover-up." Sir Geoffrey said that MPs in Advice given by the Lord

most parts of the House would the good sense not to share the have contempt for the way Mr Sillars had raised the question. The conduct of Scottish judges was not a matter for the Government Lord Dervaird had resigned for personal rea-

Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab) said that, if a government statement was not forthcoming, the public would rightly suspect that this was yet another establishment cover-up. Sir Geoffrey: The public has

kind of motivation that Mr Canavan puts forward. The whole House will welcome the the Court of Session has taken prompt action to dispel rumours about the beach in Scotland. The conduct of the Scottish

judges is entirely a matter for the Lord President of the Court of Session. There is nothing for the Secretary of State for Scotland to say about the marter.

for Shipping, said.

Inquiry into security at bases

The Commons defence commintee has launched an in-vestigation into the Govern-ment's policy of hiring commercial security firms to guard military bases (Sheila Gunn WILLES).

it comes after controvers after the bombing of the Royal Marines school near Deal, Kent, that responsibility for external security had before to a private firm. The IRA bomb killed 11 months and initiated 72 people and injured 22.

The Government rejected calls for an urgent security review because, it said, a review of all its sites, including the Royal Marines school, was already under way.

The Tory-dominated committee, chaired by Mr Michael Mates, said yesterday that the investigation will focus initially on the scenary implications of using commercial security fants. It will call Ministry of Defence officials, members of the Defence Police Federation and the British Scenarity Inand the British Security Indistry Association. It is also capeted to visit military exhibitances, including Deal.

The committee has pro-younly investigated security at micker bases and the former nuclear bases and the former Royal Ordinance factories.



Mr Forth: Code of practice will

help to reduce abuse.

The Government expects a new code of conduct to bring a big cut in the abuse of telephone chatlines, Mr Eric Forth, Under Secretary of State for Industry and Consumer Affairs, said in a Commons adjournment debate on Wednesder with.

Wednesday night. MPs from both sides of the House had complained about the use of chatlines for sex purposes and one said that Alexander Bell would turn in his grave if he knew that his invention was being used for such perverted pur-

People were using their employers' telephones, and young people their parents' and running up four-figure bills.

Opening the debate, Mr Terence

Lewis (Worsley, Lab) said that tele-

phone message services should not be

specifically asked to have them.

Moving to such a contracting-in system would kill the chatline and certine services stone dead because callers would not want to spend their own money on the services.

The proposed code of practice to control the industry would change nothing. It proposed monitoring of multi-line challine services, age control to ban those under a certain age and a compensation scheme for those landed with high bills. If a compensation scheme could overcome the problem of families driven into debt by high bills, he would be the first to say that it should be given a try, but the scheme was ludicatus.

Experience showed that monitoring desires. As a shareholder of British was extremely difficult. It was almost Telecom, he derived no pleasure from

impossible to tell the age of girls on the telephone. Any service which could survive only with a compensation scheme was not worth much.

one-to-one lines which involved a girl talking to one man about sex. This corrupted the woman. "I believe there is a correlation between the institution of these lines over the past four years and the crime being perpetrated against women in the streets." Women who worked on these lines felt corrupted and dirty.

Some had said that they felt like verbal

He was particularly concerned by

Sir Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury. C) said that the advertisements pandered to the lowest of human desires. As a shareholder of British

such a grubby business. They were a form of verbal striptease that did nothing for BT's reputation as a privatized company.

Mr Nigel Griffiths (Edinburgh South, Lab) said that Alexander Bell would turn in his grave if he knew that his invention was being used for such perverted purposes. The Minister had choice: endorse this free market sleaze or do something about it. Miss Ann Widdecombe (Maidstone, C) said that it was living off the

Mr John P. Smith (Vale of Glamorgan, Lab) said that it was a political problem. All that was required was a small legislative change to stop this disgraceful activity from continuing.

irresponsible exploitation of the

Private health care morally inferior, bishop tells peers

The principles of private health care were morally inferior to those of the National Health to those of the reasonal rients.
Service, the Bishop of Manchester, the Right Rev Stanley
Booth-Clibborn, told peers. He
said that tax relief on insurance contributions by elderly people could blow the NHS apart.

Lord Brace-Gardyne (C) had opened the debate on his motion calling attention to the case for

He said that the problem with private health schemes, such as Bupa, was that when the elderly needed them most they were confronted by rapidly rising charges.

It was a subject that aroused

The following report of a Lords tax relief for people aged 65 and found that after they had over on direct payments to contributed for many years, the medical practitioners and hospeterday.

tax relief for people aged 65 and found that after they had over on direct payments to contributed for many years, the medical practitioners and hospitals for private health care. The Bishop of Manchester said that he believed that the Christian artirude had had a

profound influence on shaping the NHS in years gone past. The principles behind private health care were fundamentally different. That was not to say they were bad, but he regarded them as "morally inferior". The growth of private health

care in recent years had aiready damaged the NHS in many ways. "It draws us away from the great principle of universal provision."

Lord Wigoder (Lib Dem), chairman of Bupa, said that among its 3.25 million subscrib-ers was Lord Bruce-Gardyne. Lord Broce-Gardyne had written an article in the press which had contained "more misstatements and ineccuracies than any other article I have ever seen on the subject". His proposal for tax relief for about 5.5 million people,

peaceful end? The Earl of Cuithness, Pay-master General, said that since 1980 the number of people covered by private medical in-surance had increased by half to

alternative. Might he suggest politely that what was in some danger of becoming a vendetta between Lord Bruce-Gardyne and Bupa might now come to a

that made it a not very attractive

lem of enabling people to main-tain their insurance cover in retirement that the Government

sured patients was practicable.
But there were practical dangers
The percentage of peon

over 65 was only 5 per cent. When people retired, they often found it difficult to continue their insurance cover because, as their premiums tended to rise, their incomes fell. It was to overcome the prob-

The percentage of people aged

had introduced tax relief for such cover. The motion was withdrawn.

Cash for safety study

The Department of Transport is providing half the money for research commissioned by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust into acpersonal security of passengers travelling in London minicabs compared with travel in licensed taxis. Mr Michael Portillo, Minister for Public Transport, said in a written reply. The research would also consider whether licensing of minicabs, as practised outside London, altered the position. He said that there would

be a ceiling of £20,500 on the Government's contribu-tion and the trust and the Police Foundation were iointly seeking additional funds from the private sector to meet the other part of the funding. Shipping hope

There are encouraging signs that the worst of the decline in world shipping in recent years is over, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Minister for Shipping with the state of the state

Gallows kept

A gallows is kept at Wandsworth Prison, Mr David Mellor, Minister of State, Home Office, said. **Parliament**

next week The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be: Monday: Social Security Bill, second reading. Tuesday: Debate on the Chancelior's Autumn

Statement Wednesday: Debates on Opposition motions on government schools policies and on the needs of the disabled.

Thursday: Motions on Scottish housing support grant Orders. Private Bills. Friday: Private member's Bill: Consumer Guarantees Bill, second reading. The main business in the House of Lords is ex-

pected to be: Monday: Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Bill, committee. Tuesday: Courts and Legal Services Bill, committee, second day. Wednesday: Debates on London's traffic problems and

on the situation in Hong Kong. Thursday: Courts and Legal Services Bill, committee, third day.

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Debate on a Conservative MP's motion on Opposition

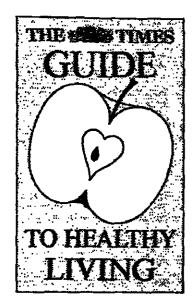
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Part 5 Love is all you need

Is the quality of our emotional life the

secret to health and happiness?

Liz Gill reports

he death of a spouse is by far the most stressful life event: statistics show that the risk of serious illness or sudden death rises dramatically for the bereaved in the year after such a trauma. Dr Jack Dominian, director of the Marriage Research Centre, says: You can die of a broken heart.

*There is also a lot of evidence that divorced people, especially those who do not embark on another long-term relationship, have far more physical and psychological problems than those who stay marned."

Men fare worse than women from divorce and the death of a partner. Dominian says that they "tend not to be very good at fending for themselves", whether the reasons are biological or cultural. Married men are generally healthier than single men, but whether their health is better than that of their wives is still unclear. Women go to their doctors more often but they live longer, and the picture is further complicated by the hazards of child-bearing and child-rearing.

What is certain is that our emotional relationships, particularly sexual ones, can have a profound effect on physical and mental well-being. Dr James Bevan, a general practitioner and the editor of Sex and Your Health, reissued next month (Mandarin. £4.99), estimates that in a third of his patients the problem has a physical cause, in another third an emotional cause, and in the remaining third a combination of the two.

"From adolescence onwards sexuality and relationships can have all kinds of effects on our health. Obviously gynaecological problems in women and urinary ones in men may have an emotional component, but I would also look for such clues with any form of depression, anxiety, insomnia and so on."

Dr Judy Gilley, a GP and senior lecturer in general practice at the Royal Free Hospital, believes there is a range of non-specific complaints with a psychosomatic base, including lethargy, fatigue, inability to concentrate, joint pains and skin disorders. Psychic pains can cause physical pain in a way we don't yet fully understand. They depress our immune system, there may be hormonal influences. For instance, women who are deeply unhappy can suffer destruction of their menstrual cycle.

"Many patients would rather something had a physical cause. They think that is somehow more acceptable. A lot of people do not appreciate the mind/body link."



Family values: Malcolm and Margaret Wicks with their children — "a stable family can give basic foundations"

HAPPINESS IS - MARRIED LIFE AND A STABLE FAMILY BACKGROUND

alcolm Wicks, aged 42, has been happily married to Margaret for more than 20 years. "We started going out together at 16 and married at 21 - probably one of the last generation that got married in such a conventional way," he says. Wicks is director of the Family Policy Studies Unit and has just been elected the prospective Labour parliamentary candidate for Croydon North-west Margaret, a scientist, works part-time in the pathology department of a hospital. They have three children — daughters aged 13 and 15 and a son aged 18. Their youngest daughter, Sarah, suffers from diabetes, but otherwise the family is fit, active and healthy. Wicks is convinced that a happy family life helps to keep them that way. "I don't want to imply that people have to be part of a traditional nuclear family to be happy. I believe all sorts of

Though she acknowledges the potential stresses of other relationships, such as those with children, parents, in-laws and friends, Gilley, who trained with the Institute of Psychosexual Medicine, believes the crucial relationship is that between a man and a woman. She feels that the quality of sex is often a reflection of the quality of the relationship.

"Even when there is some decline in actual activity, sex can still be a source of intimacy and affection, of comfort and the component - because it is found enhancement of self-esteem. Nothing succeeds like sex. When

or long-term

relationship

reinforces our

sense of worth'

to feel successful ually, and unattractive, it can affect other areas of life. Men who become impotent, for example, often begin to fail at work as well."

Impotence, along with premature eiaculation, is the commonest male sexual problem. Yet men, says Dr Elphis Christopher, who runs clinics at North Middlesex and University College Hospital for those with sexual difficulties, are frequently reluctant to accept anything is wrong with them other than the obvious.

Christopher has seen as many men cry as women, once the barriers are broken down. "You sometimes think: 'If only they'd do that at home.' I know this has been said countless times, but you do need to work at marriage. Sex itself takes time and trouble."

She believes sexual and emotional problems are important contributory factors to ulcers, chest pain and high blood pressure in men; to depression, susceptibility to infection and gastroenteritic disorders such as irritable bowel syndrome in both sexes; and to a spectrum of gynaecologi-

logical base can be found. Part of the problem, Christopher says, may be the menstrual burden of modern western women: women in other times or other cultures have later menarches, earlier menopauses and

cal disorders in women. One

phenomenon preoccupying ex-

perts is the increasing incidence of

pelvic pain for which no physio-

more frequent pregnancies. Nevertheless, she believes there be a significant emotional in the female sexual arena. Is it, for instance, reflecting some deep-

seated anxiety? Is it a way of 'A good marriage avoiding sex? "The sexual revolution has created as many pressures as it relieved." Most coun-

sellors agree that

promiscuity is dangerous, but sex without love on occasion need not necessarily be psychologically harmful. "You have to remember that sex means different things at different times," Gilley says. "In mid-life, the security of a stable relationship might be more than sexual passion - but at 18 one's preoccupation may be very

different." One alternative is to step out of the sexual minefield altogether. Liz Hodgkinson, author of Sex Is Not Compulsory, argues that celibacy can have dramatically beneficial effects on health. The risk of sexually transmitted diseases is instantly removed and the quality of sleep, she says, for those who no longer have to cope with someone else's snoring, weight or move-ment, is much improved, with all the attendant benefits.

Sex, she says, is stressful both physiologically and psychologically. People become addicted, and subsequently frustrated.

different relationships either work or don't work, and that it is a happy and fulfilled life that is important, not just a happy marriage. But a stable family can give you a basic foundation which is important.

"That doesn't mean to say family life is relaxing. In my professional life I study the strategies of family life, but I wouldn't say I always cope wonderfully myself." Wicks believes that the right combination of joint and independent activities have kept his marriage and outlook fresh.

There are bound to be difficult times in all marriages and if you meet someone in your teens or twenties it is inevitable that you will change and have to make some adjustments. For some people divorce may be the right decision, but my feeling from the evidence is that we've been much too relaxed about it and that people suffer badly because of it."

> Hodgkinson, who has been celibate for 10 years - "and my health is Al" - says the state must be chosen rather than imposed. She believes it may be easier for women. "In my researches I found that desire took no time at all to fade in women, but quite a long time in men. The longer they had been active, the longer it took to

> Couples or individuals with serious marital, sexual or relationship problems can seek help from doctors, counsellors or other specialists. The danger points, however, may be difficult to recognize. Christopher says: People tend to let things slide, or one partner persists in denying there is a difficulty, so that it can get to an extreme pitch."

Stan Ruszczynski, deputy chairman of the Tavistock Institute of Marital Studies, says it is vital to accept that "conflict is an inevitable part of living. The important thing is not to try to avoid it, but to find ways of dealing with it."

Symptoms of a troubled relationship can be physical, psychological or behavioural. "Generally people feel less lovable, less likeable, less reasonable. They can feel that because their spouse no longer seems to like them, no one else does . . . A good marriage or long-term relationship reinforces our sense of worth."

Like other experts, Ruszczynski would not argue that a relation-ship should be preserved at all costs. "For some people, though there is pain in the medium-term, in the long run it may be the best way of moving on emotionally." Gilley thinks that the difference

between staying and leaving boils down to "being able to see light at the end of the tunnel. If people can, then they tend to cope. If they cannot, then you may have to impress on them that their health may be more adversely affected if they stay than if they find the strength to come out."



Single solutions: Heather Tyson with her dog Tara — "In a lot of ways it's helpful for me not to be married

HAPPINESS IS - A GLASS OF WINE AND SOME PERSONAL SPACE

eather Tyson, aged 38, is a former social worker turned saleswoman who has been a voluntary counsellor with Relate (formerly the National Marriage Guidance Council) for four years. Few of those she counsels realize that she is single. "People assume I'm married, just as those with children assume I have children," she says.
"But that doesn't worry me, any more than it worries me to be single and not have children, although you do get some pressure from society.

'In a lot of ways it's more helpful for me not to be married, because I don't have preconceived ideas of what a relationship like that should be like. I've never been in a long-term relationship, although I've known several men with whom I've considered marriage. "I don't say I never get lonely, but over the years

I've worked out ways of coping. I may phone a friend

or take a hot bath with a glass of wine and a good book. And, as I tell the people I counsel, there's

nothing wrong in occasional self-pity."

Her pets — a dog, a guinea pig, a rabbit and a parakeet — help keep her company, and she has a good network of close friends of both sexes. An only child, she has always enjoyed her own company, and valued having her own "personal space". She says:
"As you get older I think you get more selfish. There's nothing wrong with being self-centred, I tell my clients, because it's not until you've sorted yourself out and like yourself that you can relate well to other people. I'm sure my assertiveness training helped me. If you've got a healthy centre you've got a healthy life, and when you're on your own you've got to like yourself, because you're all you've got."

● Interviews by Victoria McKee

HEALTH IS - A HUSBAND WHO HAS A WIFE TO GO HOME TO

Women who pay a price

ecent research indicates that it is often mental rather than physical health which is primarily affected by marriage, and that married men tend to be better off, both mentally and physically, than either married women or single

In her classic study, The Future Marriage (Yale University Press, 1982), the American sociologist Jessie Bernard analyses the extra benefits of marriage to men in terms of health.

She says: "More married women than married men show phobic reactions, depression and passivity; greater than expected frequency of symptoms of psychological distress; and mental health impairment." According to Bernard, American suicide rates for single men are almost twice as high as for married men, but only one-and-a-half times higher for single women than for married women.

These statistics are borne out by figures provided by Duncan Dormor, of the Marriage Research

Centre at the Central Middlesex Hospital, which show that in the Press, £29.50 hardback, £8.95 United Kingdom single men are three times as likely to commit suicide as married men, while single women are twice as likely to themselves as married women. His figures also reveal that twice as many married women consult a doctor over mental problems as their husbands.

Dr Sally Macintyre, director of the Medical Research Council in Glasgow, is the author of a paper titled "Marriage is good for your health, or is it?". She suggests that marriage is more stressful for women because of the "double burden" that they must carry of work and home.

"Married women who do not work outside the home may suffer from isolation and lack of social support, which may also be stressful and affect health . . . marriage for men may, on the contrary, represent a safe haven of emotional, domestic and material support which may enhance mental and physical health." In their new book, Wedlocked?

paperback), David Clark and Douglas Haldane point out that "the general health of those who are married is better than that of separated counterparts. Significantly, these differences are greater for men than for women." Death rates for conditions such

as cancer of the respiratory and digestive systems, stroke, cirrhosis of the liver and pneumonia are between two and six times higher among divorced men than married men. "There are also dramatic dif-

ferences between the married and the divorced in deaths by suicide, homicide and motor vehicle accidents. In health terms, therefore, it would seem that husbands have more to lose than their wives by the ending of a marriage,"

Clark and Haldane conclude that "the marriage relationship, which protects and bolsters the psycho-social well-being of men, impoverishes that of women".

Sara Driver

HOME IS - WHERE HEARTS ARE BROKEN OR MENDED

How to build a refuge

table of stressful events in life, the first seven relate more to home and private life than to work. Longfellow may suggest that home is where the heart is but, as doctors know all too well, it is also where the heart can be destroyed. With a soundly based domestic life, disasters at work can be accepted, but if the home life is crumbling the luckless wage earner or earners - of either sex are fighting on two fronts and never have a chance to relax and regroup for the next day's battles. With the backing of a supportive family home can become a redoubt to which the worker retreats for refuge and relaxation. Even the structure of the house is important - a cold, cramped, poorly lit house is unlikely to improve morale when there is stress at work.

Leisure time needs planning Daily brisk exercises have to be fitted into the schedule, as do hobbies. But, in the main, time at home is for spending with the family. Nothing can be worse than to labour all day at a job and then in the evening do similar voluntary work for an organization. An extreme example is the bank manager who becomes a treasurer of a number of local committees. There can be exceptions. It is not unreasonable for people who have been refused promotion, or have been passed over, to seek reassurance outside their working life that their worth is recognized. They might may have failed to reach the boardroom, but how soothing to wounded pride if they can be honoured by their local commu-

nity as commodore of the yacht

club, chairperson of the bench or

chief of whatever other organization interests them. There is enough of the voyeur in

most people for them to enjoy a quick read of the newspaper agony aunts. The impression gained from these columns is that most marriages are unsuccessful, and that the basic cause is the failure of a sex life. This impression may well be false, for people with contented marriages and an acceptance of the sexual status quo seldom write to agony aunts. Even if they did, their letters would not make good reading. Surveys into marriages are difficult to organize, as people are, not unnaturally, reluctant to talk to strange interviewers about their personal relations. It has even been shown that when questioned by doctors they know and trust, patients still tailor their answers so as to give replies they think expedient.

bout 15 years ago an extensive, but not carefully structured, study was made of the marriages of hundreds of mainly middle-aged, middle-class people. The embarrassment of personal questioning was avoided by using computer. The questions were shown, in total privacy, on the screen, and answered on a simple

The replies gave an unexpected and interesting insight into sex and marriage in this group. More than half of those questioned said that their marriage was just about as happy as they had expected it to be when they married, and 25 per cent said the marriage bad actually exceeded expectations. A remarkably high proportion of those who had been married for about 20

become either perfunctory or nonexistent, but analysis showed that its presence or absence bore little relationship to how the respondents assessed the general quality of their marriage. The important factor in determining this seemed to be the depth of the friendship which had developed over the years and not the vigour they displayed, or failed to display, between the sheets. May Brown, wife of the MP Ron Brown, expressed this same view very succinctly last week.

A sound home life can often be judged by a person's approach to holidays. The annual holiday has become such an important part of the year that when it is renounced, whatever excuse is offered, it is usually because of one of two reasons - either financial stringency or marital disharmony. If a partner's jokes have become irksome, conversation irritating and if a couple's interests have diverged over the years, spending three weeks pretending to enjoy a holiday which has been arranged either as a compromise for both, or represents a capitulation for one, is unlikely to be a good cure for stress at work,

But if the marriage partnership lacks the quality of easy friendship there are better ways of solving the holiday problem than by simply taking separate holidays. An activity holiday shared with other people can ease the tension. When family holidays are planned, hiring a villa, with plenty of space, room service and a nearby restaurant, may provide the independence and privacy needed to make

the holiday a success. Dr Thomas Stuttaford



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Life after marriage

Britain needs its

women workers — now.

Audrey Slaughter

urges them to be

ready for the call

ate Cosgrove married at 18 after travelling around the archaeological world with her parents. Without an O level to her name, Kate believed herself fortunate to be safely

Except that marriage is not always such a safe haven. Kate's marriage came apart in her early thirties and, with no obvious means of earning a living to support herself and two young teenage children, stark reality loomed.

Kate is fictitious, the main charac-ter of my first novel, Private View, but having edited women's magazines for most of my working life and been an agony aunt on another for the past year, I know from readers' letters that her case is all too common.

Indeed, I suppose I was quite like her. I was married for the first time before I was 20, and had two children. Before I was 30 the marriage had broken down. Luckily, I had some skills and my earning power was quite high, but it was still a struggle. How much worse for the Kates of the

Of course, many women wed young and stay happily married "ever after". I know some of them and I envy them, but they are rare. Indeed, the statistics paint a dire picture. According to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys figures for 1988, 50 per cent of young marriages end in divorce, and more than four million marriages are ended by divorce or bereavement - and that does not include

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There is no marital partner for 73 per cent of women. Unless a woman has nourished her earning power, it means that often, after a marriage break-up, she will have to take a

debilitating, low-paid, unskilled job. Husbands can be made to support children but, as the Prime Minister pointed out this week, some erring husbands have a way of disappearing. Payments often lag behind needs.



Slaughter's progress: on Petticoat in the 1960s; (inset left) on Over 21 in the 1970s and Working Woman in the 1980s

It is my fervent belief that very early in a woman's life the gritty truth must be hammered home that she has to be self-reliant. Sometimes I have been accused of being anti-men. Nothing could be further from the truth. Isn't it a greater compliment to a man that you marry because you want him and

not his pay packet? incurs, they bounce back, concentratbe turned into a commercial talent. But it is not easy for women to work and have a husband and family unless there is some fundamental rethinking in the way we run our their lives. Few women make it to the top in their

There is now a depressing backlash children, well-paid job - during the enthusiastic Eighties are realizing that what they have is permanent exhaustion. No wonder so many women are

• Private View is published on February 25 by Doubleday (£12.95). ing the things they can do which might

dropping out just as the Government discovers it needs their skills in the workplace.

There must be answers. Perhaps, now that the faithful "market forces" have shown employers that they need female skills, companies will find them. I sent untrained Kate Cosgrove stumbling painfully through the pages of my book. Funnily enough, it was a journey of self-discovery that she, and many like her, actually enjoyed.

.and rejoining the 'real' world

which is showing that women who lo fact, women are a resourceful wanted to have it all - husband, bunch. Once they can get over the low self-esteem that any kind of failure

Future", a drive to boost the number of women returning to work after a career break, will be launched on Radio 4's Woman's to fill. We must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could value, a statutory minimum less demanding and molecular to constitute of the same of could value, a statutory minimum less demanding and molecular to constitute of the same of could value, a statutory minimum less demanding and molecular to constitute of the same of could want to same of could grab women to fill. We must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill. We must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill. We must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill. We must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill. We must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill. We must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill. We must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill. We must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill. We must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill. We must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill we must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill we must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill we must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill we must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill we must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill we must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill we must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill we must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill we must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill we must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill we must see equal pay for jobs and the same of could grab women to fill we must see equal pay fo conferences, supported by the Employment Department Group, aims to encourage women to "identify their strengths, build confidence, learn how to transfer skills acquired at home to the workplace and take advantage of the right job opportunities".

But is it a case of back to the future or backs to the wall for women returners?

Jo Richardson, MP, Labour's shadow minister for women, is worried that "they are wooing women back as cheap labour" to do jobs that men don't want. "Employers must be made to think about why they're ghettoizing women," she says. "We

n Monday "Back to the have employers, like the banks, which an employment debate in the mid-Future", a drive to boost the say they've got good, forward-looking 1980s, Edwina Currie suggested wage and some kind of support for women who need childcare."

On Tuesday, Edwina Currie asked in the House of Commons what further measures would be taken to encourage the return of women to the workforce. Patrick Nicholls, the Under-Secretary of State for Employment, said: "The Government is encouraging employers to adapt traditional working practices to accommodate the needs of women. This means more flexibility in hours of work, in holidays, job-sharing, career breaks, part-time working and, where possible, help with childcare costs." Richardson remains sceptical. "In

1980s, Edwina Currie suggested employers should grab women because they're cheap labour. She was saying — proudly — that women were saying — proudly — that women were flexible.

Surance on that money, and the employer have to pay it."

Clare Selerie-Grey, editor of Woman's Hour, says: "The conferences are That philosophy has helped to continue the sub-category of low-paid

Currie says, in reply: "I was merely reporting that male employment fell and female employment increased during the 1980s because women tended to be more flexible. My point was that it was happening, not that it was right and proper.

"But we have moved on. Today, most women work and most mothers are working. But where do we go from here? The Government already subsidizes childcare, though nobody takes advantage of it. Anyone who gets her employer to pay part of her childcare

of the Industrial Society and are in no way controlled by the Department of Employment. We just want to give women a chance to see what's on offer, for good or bad."

Victoria McKee • A free booklet is available from "Back to the Future", BBC, Broadcasting House, London W1A 1AA (enclose an A4 SAE) and a free Helpline (0800 100 900) will be available on the days of the broadcasts. Listen to Women's Hour (2 nm. Radio A. Mondon) for firstly administration. pm, Radio 4, Monday) for further details. The March issue of Good Housekeeping will also include a free booklet for women

How to hijack decent causes

Did you read last Monday's Times interview with Nina Temple, the new general secretary of the Communist Party of Great Britain? It was rather a warm piece, l felt, a womana warm piece, I tell, a womanto-woman thing. One could
sense the shared home truths
as author Victoria Glendinning chatted with this
"lively... articulate, outgoing, optimistic and youngest
general secretary to date" in
the few moments before Miss
Temple dashed off to pursery Temple dashed off to nursery school to collect her children. Not one cloud on the horizon as Miss Glendinning viewed the new female face of the British Communist Party.

Ah. well, I thought. If only the National Front had had sense enough to choose as its leader a happy young woman from a north London comprehensive, given to ethnic earrings and breast-feeding, rather than John Tyndall, that awful man with no eyelashes to speak of and a taste for

"Everyone wants to meet Nina Temple," began Miss Glendinning, Well, perhaps. Miss Temple had condemned the invasion of Czecho-slovakia ("not at the time - I was only 11 - but on the tenth anniversary ...") and made it perfectly clear that she did not like Stalin, Brezhnev or "the old Bolshevik model of centralism, discipline and class war". This is exciting stuff and one can hear the clink of glasses as Miss Glendinning and Miss Temple give the heave-ho to all that stuff. The new general secretary is "ditching, for a start, the old Leninist structure of the British CP", which couldn't be more welcomed. Still, this is where the tricky business begins. What is it in Marxism-

not ditching? Well, Karl Marx, for one thing, although Miss Temple, being on close terms, just calls him Karl, "As Karl said, it is people that make history," says Miss Temple. I actually don't know of anyone who thinks that anything else does, but I let that pass. But, if Miss Temple is stuck with Karl,

Leninism that Miss Temple is



BARBARA **AMIEL**

barrier it can't be reclaimed," she explains. 'I have an idealistic idea of Communism as a splendid thing. Christians the popular causes of our time, didn't give up because of the and madmen need to be in

This, I think, is where I might have got up from Miss Temple's feet. The Christians, would have murmured, did have certain things going for them before the Inquisition They had, for example, Jesus Christ and St Thomas Aquinas. I am not a religious person, you understand, but the Sermon on the Mount and the Communist Manifesto just aren't in the same boat. I

'What is it that Miss Temple is not ditching?

took the precaution of re-reading the Communist Manifesto, as well as a bit of Engels, The line from Marx to the Gulag is as straight and inevitable as the line from Mein Kampf to the concentration camps. As eco-pure as the word "reclaim" may be, I just don't see how one can reclaim Nazism or Communism, except for those people forever prey to the totalitarian temptation.

The interview is important for that very reason. Human Temple is stuck with Karl, well, that gives us the Communist Manifesto for a beginning, and I do think that might when Adolf Hitler finally and I do Hitler was not personbe rather troubling. Miss Tem- did one right thing in his ally corrupt, and preferred ple herself is clear-eyed about bunker and finished himself simple surroundings most of the whole awkward business off. Where will all the envy, his life. A shared aesthetic of "reclaiming" Communism. intolerance, and other deadly does not guarantee a shared "If the name is too much of a sins go now that the world is categorical imperative.

phase?

Miss Temple sees the new Communist Party as "a force which is feminist and green". This is the answer, I think. The totalitarian impulse is a parasitic one which needs a host body - and it thrives on decent causes. It was, after all, a perfectly decent notion that people should not be downtrodden or exploited, just as the nationalist notion that groups should have their own autonomy was decent enough. Both were hijacked by

totalitarianism.
The central themes of feminism and the greens, that women should have equality and that we should clean up the mess we make, are legitimate causes. They are indeed the popular causes of our time. tune with the Zeitgeist to achieve their ends. We have had red, black and brown fascism. Perhaps the time has come for the green version, as practised by both the zealots of the environment and those

of fundamentalist Islam. Some of today's militant ecofreaks do remind one of the great wandering youth movements who, with their Rousseauism and an intolerance for modernism, were the precursors of the modern

Miss Glendinning, of course, is no totalitarian. She is, apart from being a splendidly talented biographer, a member of that literary intelligensia whose ordering principle is contempt - contempt for vulgarity, contempt for materialism, contempt for those whose lives are lived on and I just don't see a way out. a less spiritual plane of existence than hers. That, I think, rather than envy, was behind her notable statement in the Observer in the 1987 election campaign, when she said she was "far more shocked" by Mrs Thatcher's policies than by those of the extreme Left.

Miss Glendinning sees the shabby clutter of the offices of the Communist Party of Great Britain, with jars of homemade chutney and "an antisimple surroundings most of

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Future greens

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Peeling off

Scientists at the Argonne Laboratory in the United States have evolved what may turn out to be the ultimate biodegradable plastic - created from potato peelings. A viable product made from it should be available in the shops within three years. There are also plans to transform other natural products - including corn, sorghum, wheat and even cheese whey - into alternatives to present-day

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ill Mrs Thatcher have to hand the teaspoons back? Shortly after her election in 1979, Lord Brownlow, owner of Belton House, close to her birthplace of Grantham, lent a set of silver for use in the state dining room at 10 Downing Street during Mrs Thatcher's premiership. But in 1984, after the Prime Minister had won her second term, Belton House was handed over to the National Trust, and with it went the ownership of the silver. Labour's Dennis Skinner, almost a piece of English heritage himself these days, asked Mrs Thatcher on Wednesday when she intended to return the silver, "for the benefit of the nation". She replied that it would be returned "as and when requested

by the National Trust".

Skinner thinks this should happen immediately. It is bad for tourism, he says, if "people visiting stately homes discover the fine silver which should be on display is hidden away behind the pearly gates of Downing Street". A spokesman for the National Trust said it would be "delighted" to have the silver back, but that it would not make any formal request while Mrs Thatcher remained in Downing Street. And before anyone starts making silly jokes about 30 pieces of silver, the Prime Minister makes it clear in her answer. It is 22 pieces.

mericans have been treated to their A first live broadcasts from the Commons, and according to the weekly journal, The New Republic, phone lines to the television company have been jammed by viewers. Accustomed to rude and slovenly spoken Congressmen, they have been ringing to express appreciation of "clected representatives speaking so beautifully". Could they mean, perhaps, Jack Cunningham ("shut up, you fool", Hansard, January 9) or Andrew Faulds ("ignorant twat", Hansard, January 11)?

one are the days when the secret of success in the Tory party was to do with birth and breeding. The accepted passport to high-flying has, I learn, become an invitation to address the supper club run by Rob Hayward in his Kingswood constituency. Last May, Hayward fixed up three speakers for his 1990 programme the backbencher John Redwood, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, John Major, and the junior minister. Michael Howard. As a result of his skilful talent-spotting, Hayward's lucky constituents will now be addressed by a trade minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Employment. Ambitious Tories are anxiously awaiting Hayward's next invitation list. The less career-minded are asking for a tip in the 3.30 at Market Rasen.

BARRY FANTONI



'In mitigation, m'Ind, may I say

hirty years after he entered the Commons and was officially upbraided by Tory elders for wearing suede shoes, Julian Critchley has been voted the best dressed statesman in Britain. He received his prize yesterday on the Commons terrace, a trouser press from the Corby manufacturer that sponsored the award, based on a poll of MPs' secretaries. But they are a fickle and disloyal lot. Scarcely any of them thought their own bosses smart enough to vote for.

 "Colin Moynihan builds bouses for Rotherham" announces a press release from the Department of the Environment, where the Sports Minister also has responsibilities. If he ever loses his parliamentary seat a useful second career clearly awaits.

nly one Tory MP has made it into the top 20 of those asking the most parliamentary questions in the last sesssion, so I asked the Pembroke MP. Nicholas Bennett, to explain himself. Tabling more than 400 questions to hardpressed ministers in one session, surely, was not the way to endear oneself to the party whips. Bennett explained that despite his high tally, few of his questions caused the Government difficulties; most were designed to embarrass Labour. But how, I wondered in my simple way, could questions to ministers embarrass the Opposition? There were ways, Bennett told me mysteriously, that manage to stay within the rules — just.

y ugoslavia is the forgotten

East European socialist country. It did not figure in the spectacle of the 1989 revolutions and is still governed by an unreconstructed communist party. Only Albania shares this dubious distinction.

It is almost certain, however, that Yugoslavia will now bend to the wind of change, internal as well as external, and confine its admittedly idiosyncratic socialism to the joint East European dustbin of socialist failures. Many in Yugoslavia hope that this will be the outcome of the 14th Extraordinary Congress of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia, which begins in

Belgrade tomorrow.

The Declaration of the League of Communists, the document to be put to delegates, is as radical a denunciation of the past as anything produced by communists elsewhere in Eastern Europe. It states that the League will fight for a demo-cratic socialist alternative in the conditions of free association of citizens. "There exists," the document asserts, "no higher historic, state or class aim than the dignity of man." And it adds that there are no older rights and freedoms than man's individual

John Zametica on Yugoslavia's peculiar difficulties with reform

Tito's backward children

rights and freedoms, something which the state must protect, not violate. "With political pluralism," the declaration continues, we are gaining a new quality of life . . . There is no people power without free political organization." Indeed. After 45 wasted years

of tinkering with social and economic relationships, of pioneering and experimenting with various but invariably silly socialist ideas and practices, the Yugoslav communists have brought the country to the edge of economic catastrophe and political disintegration.

For those who wonder why it has taken the Yugoslavs so long to begin facing reality, when they had been free of Soviet tutelage ever since the 1948 Tito-Stalin break, it is important to emphasize that Yugoslavia had an authentic socialist revolution. Tito commented once that other East European communist leaders arrived in their countries after the war in Soviet aircraft, smoking their pipes. The relative ease with which the East Europeans have got rid of their communist masters is due largely to the fact that in their countries there had never been much historic support for communism.

In Yugoslavia, a bloody civil war resulted in a triumphant communist party led by the charismatic Tito, whose regime did not have to rely on the support of Moscow and which, while always ruthless in eliminating political opposition, also developed the image of itself as "acceptable", through the open-ing of the country's borders, and through being more open to the West because of economic necessity and non-membership of the Soviet bloc. Given these factors it is not surprising that, inside the country and in the West, the regime could count on support.
After Tito's death in 1980 the

Yugoslavs increasingly began to

perceive socialism as at best an illusion, at worst a bluff. They now see this displayed in both the economic and political spheres. The economic situation really requires little comment the inflation rate is 3,000 per cent and rising. At least the federal government, led by the intelligent and energetic Anton Markovic, is trying to im-plement radical measures. The Yugoslav dinar has, since the beginning of the year, been a convertible currency, and plans are under way to open stock markets in Belgrade, Zagreb and Ljubljana. The government, in short, has understood and embraced the idea that only freemarket competition can save the economy. Yugoslavia has in this

sense already gone further than any other East European country. But politically the country is divided on national and ideological grounds. The ideological divisions are between the conservative forces, largely confined to Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia, and reformists in the ranks of communists of Croatia and particularly Slovenia. Both Croatia and Slovenia are already pledged to multi-party elections for their local assemblies this spring. Serbia has been much slower here, though her democratic traditions are probably unmatched in Eastern Europe. Another citadel of conservatism is the army, on whose behalf various spokesman have stated that it is in favour of political pluralism so long as this does not

mean a multi-party system.

The national divisions are those between Serbs and almost everybody else in Yugoslavia: Serbs and Croats (a traditional conflict); Serbs and Slovenes (there is a trade war going on between Serbia and Slovenia); Serbs and Bosnian Muslims (these Muslims are permanently fearful of Serbs); and Serbs and

ethnic Albanians from Kosovo province. This last conflict is particularly important. Serbs have encountered almost no sympathy in Yugoslavia (let alone abroad) in their struggle to stem the tide of Albanian chauvinism in a province which is the cradle of the Serbian medieval state and civilization. This explains why Slobodan Milosevic, who has stood up for Serbs in Kosovo, and for Serbia in general, is so popular.

The Milosevic regime in Serbia is being accused elsewhere in Yugoslavia of neo-Bolshevism". The forthcoming communist congress in Belgrade will no doubt test this proposition. The chances are, however, that Serbs will jump on the democratic bandwagon. That will not in itself, of course, eliminate all the problems of Yugoslav politics and economics. But a good start would be made if free elections to the federal assembly were called immediately, if the federal government were given even more powers to put the economy right, and if Serbia were finally given some real support by the other republics over Kosovo.

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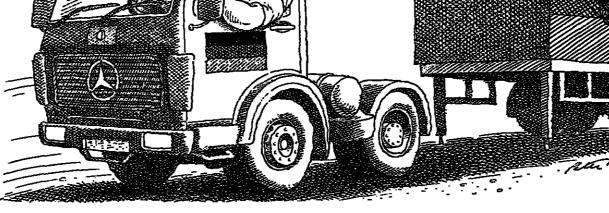
All roads lead to German unity

Lord Weidenfeld urges the West to face the inevitable and help forge a unified state

he colourful presence of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers with their regimental goat, Billy, at the opening of the Brandenburg Gate on December 22 was a much more positive endorse-ment of German unity than the sweet-sour ambiguities from the chancelleries of Europe, including, of course, Downing Street.

For more than 40 years the German people's right to one sovereign state figured explicitly in inter-allied statements and treaties, formed part of the fundamental law of the Federal Republic, and has been routinely cited. Concurrently, the German political establishment has claimed this right only sparingly, with muted voices, while finetuned ears were catching each nuance of their allies' assurances. Not unlike the French who, between 1871 and 1914, always thought but hardly ever spoke of the recovery of Alsace Lorraine, the vast majority of Germans saw unification as a distant aim, but one that should not be aired publicly.

Now the first signs of open misgivings about cool or even hostile comments on German reunification have shown in German cries of anger and charges of perfidy and hypocrisy. Chancellor Kohl's 10 points of November 28, which caused cold fury in many capitals, may have been a canny pre-electoral gambit, but still seem a realistic projection of how an apparently universally agreed ultimate aim could be realized. Moreover.



they come close to what is now urgently needed - a route map and timetable for the coalescing of the two states.

As soon as the will of the majority of Germans can manifestly be documented by election or plebiscite, the first stage - the contractual relationship between Bonn and East Berlin - is wholly within the power of the Germans themselves. The two sovereign states can harmonize a massive bulk of legislation. charting a thousand ways in which the Germanies can coalesce into one society.

tion - is also largely within the power of the German people. Of course, the inter-allied status of West Berlin prevents a wholesale move of ministries from Bonn to West Berlin, with the resultant convenience of contiguity with East Berlin, but basically a loose confederative structure which does not abolish sovereignty or change the frontiers on the map drawn at Potsdam can be achieved without international sanction. As Bonn will sooner or later solemnly acknowledge the inviolability of the Oder-Neisse

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frontier with Poland, the border with Czechoslovakia and the cession of East Prussia to the Soviet Union, her Eastern neighbours cannot unduly complain.

The outstanding road block defence - can probably be bypassed in a confederative structure. Even an undiminished Nato presence on West German soil would not be incompatible with a Soviet presence on East German soil. The future of the Warsaw Pact, if we are to take some leading Soviet experts at their word, lies more in safeguards rather than intensive co-operation with conscript armies of countries with non-communist or anti-communist governments.

t is only when we approach the third and final stage of unification - the fusion of both states into one Federal Republic within the EC - that international treaties are manifestly relevant. By that stage the mid 1990s? - America and the Soviet Union will surely have redefined the nature of the alliances: the EC will have tested the early workings of the single market and a new relationship with Efta and the former Soviet satellites will be more clearly formulated.

The prevailing view of Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand, among other European leaders, is to delay the moment of decision in the vague hope that something might occur to deflect the will of Germans to unite. M Delors wants the German nation to be embedded in Europe, though he would prefer to find two berths rather than one in the Community.

The dangers inherent in a or mp and "masterly inactivity" are probably more real than the unspecified apprehensions about an aggrandized Germany, for delay might have an irreparably damaging impact on the German psyche. The German Federal Republic has, since its inception. been a loyal partner in the reconstruction of Europe, its leaders fulfilling the terms of peace and erecting an admirable edifice of democracy based on the rules of law. Why should an incremental strengthening of Germany through federation be

a menace to peace? Perhaps

recent history and demography can sway the fearful.

With a sharply declining birth rate, the Germanies will, at the end of this century, scarcely be more populous than they are today. There is thus no need for "living space", nor any desire for repopulating lost territories.

A striking feature of West German post-war history has been a conscious, as well as instinctive, aversion to militarism among German youth. Considering that Germany has contracted twice territorially (1918 and 1945) and lost whole has fewer elements of right-wing extremism than, say, France or

The economic and social upsurge of the EC and its member nations should quench fears of a united Germany's disproportionate strength. Any two of the major EC countries combined could rival a united Germany. As the EC expands, Germany's shareholding in the European equity will be diluted.

As we watch anxiously President Gorbachov's Herculean efforts to keep the Soviet empire from disintegration, we should reflect that if there is one country which could focus its inventiveness and skills and, aided by the West and Japan, take the lead in helping to rebuild the infrastructure of Russia, it is Germany.

nother valid reason for the support of German unification is the longterm danger in preserving a separate eastern state. The genesis, record, ethos and prospects of the second German state all bode ill: it bears the birthmark of Stalinism. For two decades it produced impressive industrial results, but just as the commanding officer of British prisoners prided himself on building the best bridge over the River Kwai, so the East Germans took pride in creating a powerful industrial base in the Soviet sphere while yearning for freedom. Time and again the Ulbrichts and Honeckers proclaimed that the sole raison d'etre of a second German state was its superior Marxist-Leninist system. Now that that system has gone, why should East Germans not join their kith and kin in the West?

By the middle of the 1990s the Federal Republic, barring unforeseen events, will have completed half a century of a civil society built by enlightened men. If, then, unity were to crown this achievement, moderation must be seen to triumph. After the First World War, had Britain the compassionate understanding to such moderate men as Rathenau, Stresemann or Bruening which they later lavished on Papen, Ribbentrop and Hitler. we might have been spared a Third Reich and a Second World War. Those who still have a nightmarish vision of a Fourth Reich might banish their fears and put their trust in the enduring continuity of the moral standards set by such humane pragmatists as Adenauer and Heuss, Brandt and Weizsäcker, and in the younger generation of Germans of goodwill,

When Samuel Smiles goes back in the box

Robert Kilroy-Silk asks why Mrs Thatcher's ideology stops at Ford

Tories have not changed their spots after all: they are still on the side of the rich and successful and against the less well-off and the poor. How else can we explain the Prime Minister's almost hysterical condemnation of the demands of hourly paid Ford workers for a pay increase in excess of the 10.2 per cent offered by the company, while she maintains an eloquent silence about excessive increases in top people's pay and profits?

The Prime Minister takes credit for having ushered in a new era in which the ethics of the market place take precedence over all else. We live in a hard, competitive world, she repeatedly reminds us. Nothing is owed to us, nothing belongs to us of right. It all has to be earned. Our duty as individuals is to be ambitious, competitive, hardworking, to "get on", as she and Alderman Roberts did. The Prime Minister insists that we must stand on our own feet, make our own decisions, take

years, i.e. becoming a big shot in

the New Order, I can only

conclude that my own small

responsibility for our own lives and that of our family. She is the uninhibited, unequivocal and unquestioning champion of the notion that individuals must put their own interests first at all times. Neither Adam Smith nor Samuel Smiles was ever so crude.

Mrs Thatcher has never demonstrated a scintilla of doubt about her message. She has no guilt about its sometimes evil social consequences; indeed, believes there are none. She truly and sincerely believes that what she advocates is best for the individual and for the country. Success goes to the brave and

the ambitious. They are today's heroes. The Prime Minister and her acolytes in the media applaud the aggressive go-getter; shower admiration on the biggest profit-makers. They fawn over those with an eye for the main chance, who demonstrate business acumen, entrepreneurial flair. They are awarded Queen's Awards for services to exports, receive peerages and knighthoods for enriching themselves, and others. There is nothing wrong, Mrs Thatcher tells us, in wanting to make money. Not only is it justified in itself, it is also, she insists, virtuous. The possession of money not only enables us to make provisions for the health. education, and welfare of our family, and to secure their future, but it also provides employment for others. We all benefit. We should all be at it.

It is not then surprising that not one government minister utters a single word of protest at the way in which millions of pounds are made, not earned, in a few moments on the Stock Exchange; that none jibs when shares in newly privatized businesses are sold at a quick profit without effort - or contribution to productivity - on the part of the beneficiaries. There was not a murmur from Downing Street, and no hectoring from the

dispatch box in the Commons either, when water shares changed hands for a quick 50 per cent profit.

Nor, for that matter, were there any rumblings of dis-content, still less of distaste, when massive profits were being made in the City. I cannot recall a government minister suggest-ing that those throwing champagne parties, driving expensive cars and buying overpriced Dockland penthouses should be moderate and responsible.

But then, why should anyone say such a thing? That, after all, was what life was supposed to be about making money and hav-ing a good time. That's fine. But if there is to be a free-for-all, then, as one union leader had cause to say a few years ago, we should all be part of the all. Well, if you are a working

person organized in a trade union, you are not Different rules apply to them. Others can be selfish, self-seeking, but not the hourly paid Ford workers. The moment they attempt to sell their labour in the free market and allow its price to be determined by the laws of supply and demand, they are subjected to a torrent of abuse and advice from the Prime Minister and her minions in Parliament and the Press.

The Prime Minister exhorts them to be responsible and moderate and warns of the dangers of inflationary pay settlements. The Employment Secretary, Michael Howard, has the temerity to announce that it is time to "behave sensibly". It really is extraordinary. No one was enjoined to be moderate, responsible and sensible

when working people were quiescent and all around them were getting rich. How many in the Tory party told Nigel Lawson he was "fuelling inflation", or acting against the national interest, when he doled out lavish tax cuts to the already rich? Yet the workers at Ford are

saboteurs of the national pay average - and all because they are doing what Mrs Thatcher did when she sold her house in Chelsea: attempting to obtain the best price for their main asset.

"You can't buck the market," the Prime Minister told us recently. Then why are the Ford employees being subjected to a Wilsonite/Callaghanesque exhortation to show restraint? Why should they impose a self-discipline exercised by no other group? Why, indeed, are they expected to impose a voluntary pay cut upon themselves, and so be able to make less provision for the welfare of their families? It was not asked of doctors, of policemen, firemen, or MPs none of whom can show the productivity or profit produced by Ford workers.

The Ford workers should go ahead with their claim unless the Prime Minister can offer the alternative of a fair society. The trouble is, she does not know the meaning of "fairness", and denies the existence of "society".

It may not make more than a footnote, nor much of a footnote at that, but when the history of these remarkable times comes to be written, my name could well find itself being

bandied about. Let us imagine we are eagerly gobbling our way through the forthcoming Volume XI of The Oxford History of Soviet Post-Imperialism. On page 932, there is a Polaroid photograph. Its

caption reads: Prokurator-Elekt Tadeusz Wojcik (left) and soon-to-be Lodz Tram Supremo Miroslaw Orzechowski, seen here enjoying a joke on December 17, 1989. The portrait Wojcik is pointing at is believed to be of Allen Coran, an

unknown Englishman." Only a guess, of course. But on the three or four occasions that I have sidled into the bar of the Polish Club in Princes Gate to part in Eastern Europe's extraor-

Drawn, unhung and quarterless stare at myself with, presumably, dinary metamorphosis lies wellthe same mad eyes that stare back enshrined. at me from the wall, expatriates

have been gathered in the vicinity of my picture in excited knots, jabbering Slavonically with given the momentous doings in their beloved homeland - understandable vehemence; and on at re-Balkanizing Europe, you need least two of those occasions, having their snapshots taken. Since almost everyone I have met in the Polish Club has also vowed to hurtle back home at the gross of magnetized tanks; or, earliest opportunity and get stuck in to realizing the dreams of 40

It couldn't go on, of course. They needed the wall. They did

not tell me why they needed the wall, and I did not like to ask, because one of the answers might be to the effect that when you are every square inch of wall-space you can lay your hands on for maps, also big boxes of little coloured flags and a couple of in the case of Poland, magetized cavalry.

week and said could I pop down

to Princes Gate and collect my

portrait. Since Times readers

already know why it was hanging there in the first place, I shall not Anyway, they phoned me last bother to explain that it was



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painted by the ravishing Basha

Kaczmarowska, whom I mistak-

enly, last September, thought was

to see her etchings, but who was in fact frantically trawling sitters for her upcoming exhibition and needed something bald and jowlhung to make up the set. That is how I wound up leering from a nail in the Polish Club. Where I should have stayed,

even if only in the cellar. For as soon as I put my key in the door and the portrait down in the hall, I knew that I had no idea where to hang it. It is life-size, it dominates. Wherever I put it in the house, it would be making a statement. All of those statements would invite speculation of the highest order, and derision of the lowest. You cannot hang a life-

inviting me up to her studio not size simulacrum of yourself in the hali, because it says Welcome to Megalomania Towers; you cannot hang it in the living-room, because it says Hallo, I Am A Conversation Piece, Would You Like To Say Something About Me?; you cannot hang it in the dining room, because it says Have You Noticed How My Eyes Follow You Round The Soup?: you cannot hang it in the bedroom, because she says There's Nothing Going On Between You And This Polish

Bimbo, Is There? I spent most of the weekend creeping into rooms, locking the door, hammering in hooks as softly as I could, hanging the

painting, standing back, taking it down, pliering the hooks out as softly as I could, unlocking the door, and creeping out again. For the plain fact is that the hanging of a portrait suggests an act of reverence on someone's part, and if that someone is oneself, there are, obviously, more kicks than ha pence in it. You need a sign underneath informing the gawper that this portrait has been paid for by voluntary subscription raised by loyal troopers of the 17th/21st Uhlans, or hon members of the Amaigamated Union of Cobblers, or the grateful boys of St Snottie's

Unable to front up any of those, I can see only one solution. First thing tomorrow, I shall find a brass engraver to run up Removed From The Polish Club By Democratic Decision. If nothing else, it catches the spirit of the times.

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ABOVE SUSPICION

The resignation of a Scottish judge for reasons associated with the practice of homosexuality raises a number of fundamental questions both about the level of probity demanded of public figures, and about the morality and acceptability of homosexuality. If homosexual activity is regarded as shameful, a judge who indulges in it in secret will be open to the possibility of blackmail, either for the extraction of money or, more dangerously for the public interest, for the inducement of a judicial favour. And the respect in which the judiciary ought to be held could be undermined, even held up to ridicule.

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Attitudes to homosexuality remain confused and contradictory. There was a major shift of public feeling in the 1950s and 1960s, which resulted in the removal, with some exceptions, of criminal sanction against adult homosexual activity in private. Public attitudes have not, however, moved to the opposite extreme. The emivalence of homosexual and heterosexual activity is not recognized in either English or Scottish law. Homosexual activity remains a criminal offence in the armed services; the age limits below which sexual intercourse becomes criminal are different; there are different limits to what may be done lawfully in public. And local government authorities are prohibited from advancing the view that homosexual relations are morally equivalent to heterosexual relations.

The law's disapproval of homosexuality is by and large supported by public opinion. Public conduct - kissing, holding hands which would be thought unremarkable in couples of the opposite sex can still give offence when displayed between couples of the same sex. In the minds of many people, the stigma associated with the word "unnatural"

still applies. For these reasons it is only realistic to accept that an active homosexual must run a certain risk of blackmail, all the more so if he occupies a sensitive position in society. A distinction has been proposed in the Scottish case between homosexual behaviour which is confined to a discreet and stable relationship, and that which is not, a distinction familiar from debates within the Church of England and Church of Scotland. There may or may not be theological merit in preferring homosexual liaisons to

correspond as closely as possible to the Christian ideal of heterosexual marriage, but it does not have much relevance to the risk of blackmail.

Anyone who fears his private arrangements being made public, whatever they are, is open to pressure from someone who is prepared to do just that. This necessarily introduces a degree of moral relativity into the debate: an entertainer, for instance, would be less vulnerable to such pressure, because the general expectations would be different in that case. Expectations are bound to be stricter when someone's public duties explicitly involve them in upholding moral standards, a principle which applies as much to the clergy as to judges. The more senior the position the greater the expectation will be. A judge necessarily has less freedom than his clerk in these matters, a clergymen less than a layman.

Most people would agree that a judge is in this category, and is therefore to be expected to behave much more conventionally and conservatively than men in most other walks of life. And as long as that is the case, it is not advisable for senior judicial appointments to be offered to practising homosexuals, or for them to be accepted. Even grounds for strong suspicion and scandal-mongering need to be avoided. Sad though it may be in its impact on individuals, the maintenance of public confidence in the judiciary, which demands a stern defence of the dignity and respect due to members of it, is overwhelmingly more important.

The presence of a homosexual inclination or preference is not by itself criminal, sinful or scandalous, and therefore no bar to office of any kind, whether it is hidden or admitted. It is really nobody's business. But the distinction between inclination and conduct is a valid one. A married heterosexual need not be ashamed of a mere inclination or attraction towards members of the opposite sex, provided he remains faithful to his marriage vows. To translate inclination into action, in such a case, is to cross a very big line. It is not unreasonable to apply the analogy to a homosexual. It is a distinction the public already accepts and understands.

MR HURD'S CHINESE PUZZLE

No sooner had the Government braved opposition on its own back benches to announce last month that 50,000 heads of household in Hong Kong would be granted the right to reside in the United Kingdom, than the political barometer in Peking gave warning of stormy weather to come. This week the cloud finally burst: a Chinese official on the drafting committee for the future Basic Law declared that under Chinese rule, British passport holders would be debarred from public office and deprived of British consular protection.

It is to be hoped that Peking's decision is not final. The time which has still to elapse before the colony passes into Chinese hands may be sufficient for a reversal of the return to Maoist orthodoxy which has prevailed since the Tiananmen Square massacre.

The Government must, of course, make its dispositions with an eye to the worst possible case; and there can be no doubt that Peking's hostile stance, supported as it is by overwhelming military force, does change the situation very considerably. The Chinese do not seem to have grasped that the policy being pursued by the British Government represents a compromise between those who wanted all Hong Kong Chinese to receive British passports and those who wanted none to do so. It was the least that could be done to discharge our moral responsibilities.

To have granted such rights to fewer people, or to none, would merely have ensured that Hong Kong's best talents would despair of help from Britain and seek the first opportunity to emigrate elsewhere. To have offered rights of residence to most of the colony's inhabitants might well have provoked a more fearsome retribution than that threatened by Tory backwoodsmen or the leadership of the Labour

Quite apart from the entertaining domestic sideshow of Mr Tebbit's rebels, who currently appear to be making common cause with Peking the Government is now faced with two seemingly irreconcilable tasks. It must simultaneously reassure Hong Kong, where it is accused of irresolution and of drawing invidious distinctions between citizens, and mainland China, where the charge is one of breaking the letter of the Sino-British accords.

The Foreign Secretary made a creditable start in reconciling these contradictory aims with his well-received visit to the colony this week, during which he convinced them that promises once made will be kept. Not only the magnates, but the broad middle classes of Hong Kong quietly saluted Mr Hurd's moral courage in nailing his political colours to the mast of limited dual citizenship. The at-mosphere had evidently changed since last year, when Sir Geoffrey Howe sought in vain to allay fears that the colony was being abandoned to its fate.

It will, though, be necessary for the Prime Minister herself to lend her authority to the present undertakings. A visit by her to the colony later this year would strengthen the fragile recovery of confidence there. Such a visit would need to be well-prepared. Above all, it would need to be carefully timed to coincide with a diplomatic offensive, concerted with Britain's allies and friends abroad. to put pressure on Peking.

China's present leadership needs little encouragement to retreat into a siege mentality; hence inducements must be kept in reserve to tempt the dragon out of its lair. Since the Hong Kong question has implications for the whole European Community, this is an issue on which a much stronger line from the Council of Ministers would not come amiss. The United States could also offer valuable help. The Prime Minister - who did not hesitate to lend moral support to Washington over Panama - should not be too proud to ask

By seeking to deny Hong Kong a fair and necessary safeguard, Peking has raised the stakes. It is now for Mrs Thatcher to rise to the occasion, which is nothing less than the postscript to the unfinished history of the

PLAYING THE GAME

Mr Mike Gatting and his team of English Cricketers start their tour of South Africa today amid conditions of almost unprecedented security. The Mass Democratic Movement and its allies may see this as a victory for their cause, but are they really serving their best interests? The widespread disruptive campaign which has been planned could well damage the very ideal they are embracing.

The first argument concerns multiracial sport. There can be little doubt that the international sports boycott has had a profound effect upon the country. Few other measures could have produced such a sense of isolation among the white minority, and the result has been progress towards multiracial sport. Mr Ali Bacher, managing director of the South African Cricket Union - and the man behind the present "rebel" tour - deserves credit for his efforts. There is still a long way to go before the black and white people in South Africa have equal sporting opportunities and facilities, but the situation has substantially improved.

If South Africans are to move further, however, there must be carrots as well as sticks. In fact, the only reward for their achievement has been a cynical indifference from their critics, who say there can be no relaxation until apartheid has been totally dismantled - "No normal sport in an abnormal society".

By moving the gosiposts, however, those critics have lost sight of their original objective. At the International Cricket Conscrence a year ago, the more militant cricketing

countries represented would not even entertain a British proposal that an investigative mission be sent to South Africa to see for itself what progress had been made. There are actually fewer sporting contacts now than there were when games were entirely segregated. The result of such a negative approach is to discourage those who are trying to respond.

Another argument against these demonstrations is that they could delay political progress. President F. W. de Klerk has made significant strides towards ending the injustice of racial segregation. Next month on the resumption of Partiament in Cape Town he is expected to announce further moves towards a political settlement, perhaps lighting the way towards a dialogue with the African National Congress. For the Mass Democratic Movement to divert attention from these political developments towards the street theatre and violence of the past could turn back the clock to the disadvantage of everyone except perhaps the ultra-conservative right.

The motives of Messrs Gatting and company may well be mixed. No doubt the lure of money most attracted those in the twilight of their playing days. Young and not-so-young knew the penalties they faced, however, and no doubt reached a finely-balanced decision. However that may be, the occasional unofficial tour of South Africa might now seem a fitting response in the changed circumstances. The resumption of such occasional sporting contacts should be encouraged, not seen as a political casus belli.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Union's view of Aerospace strikes

From the President of the Amalgamated Engineering Union
Sir, Your footballing headline "Mr Jordan's own goal" (your editorial, January 11) fits in well with the partisan contents. Lord Dowding's letter (January 13) equally fails to examine both sides of the argument.

M Pierson, Chief Executive of Airbus Industrie, whose com-plaints about British Aerospace's mishandling of the claim are justified, obviously knows more about the history of the engineers' dispute than you are prepared to acknowledge.

He knows that a year and four months have passed since the engineering unions lodged their claim for the 35-hour week; knows that eight months of negotiation with the EEF (Engineering Employers' Federation) culminated in the rejection by them of an exceptionally constructive proposal of a two-year agreement that gave two hours off the working week for all in the industry (an agreement that would have brought us in line with West German engineering working

A year and one month after the claim was submitted, strikes began at Aerospace plants. Since that time, other major British Aero-space companies have settled amicably with the CSEU (Confederation of Shipbuilding and En-gineering Unions). We have at local and national level within British Aerospace tried to obtain a negotiated end to this dispute, and are still working to that end.

The engineering industry has seen spectacular productivity increases over the last decade and it is glaringly obvious that if the engineering employers had been as willing to invest in training and new technology as their employees were to accept changed working practices, there would be no productivity gap with our competitors.

The plain truth is that if British workers continue to accept low pay and long hours, they only collaborate with inefficiency.

You advise that I should not olan any fraternal visits abroad. In fact, I have only just returned from a visit to the Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm factory in Hamburg where I received knowledgeable and total support from the German Metalworkers' Union. In particular, support from its members there who are, of course reliant on Airbus Industrie for their living.

The engineering unions are determined that all their members in every engineering company in the UK will benefit from a shorter working week. We would prefer to get it through negotiation, the productive and profitable way, as we have shown with NEI Parsons, GKN Axles, and others. The EEF chose at national level to obstruct this long overdue reform of working hours in our industry. We are all paying for their misjudgement. Yours faithfully, BILL JORDAN, President,

Amalgamated Engineering Union, 110 Peckham Road, SE15. January 16.

Digging up London From Dr Ralph Merrifield

Sir, The prospect of competitive tendering for archaeological excavation in London, discussed in your report of January 13, bas disturbing implications. To substitute such a system for the service now administered by the Museum of London should surely be preceded by a consultative paper stating in detail the longterm aim and the steps by which it is to be achieved.

The present service, the continned funding of which was guaranteed by the Government when the GLC was abolished, has inbuilt advantages which cannot be relinquished lightly. It ensures the availability of archaeologists dedi-cated to building up knowledge of London's past, which they are assembling piecemeal from many

In doing so they have acquired over the years an unrivalled experience of London's special problems, and know precisely the questions to be asked in exploring a new site. As London residents they should be more cost-effective than visiting archaeologists using expensive temporary accommodation

Lack of commitment to London's history by transient archaeologists, who are likely to be less troublesome to developers in their initial demands and in pursuing a subsequent investigation, will result in minimal excavation and opportunities lost for ever. Yours faithfully. RALPH MERRIFIELD (Chairman, Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Excavation Committee),

Cause of inflation

6-8 Cole Street, SE1.

January 17.

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From Sir Ian Morrow Sir, The answer to Mr A. M. Pay (January 17) is that interest rates and profits are largely determined by the market. Wages are determined by employers' ability to resist inflationary claims from the unions. History records that employers are not very good at resisting claims which are backed up by disruptive tactics and threats of strikes. Yours truly. IAN MORROW, 2 Albert Terrace Mews, NW1.

Truth and justice on war crimes From the European Director of the caust or the Molotov-Ribbentrop

Simon Wiesenthal Centre Sir, Your correspondent, I. N. Duncan Wallace, QC (January 17)

missed several points: 1. He calls the perpetrators of war crimes "Latvians, Estonians, and Lithuanians", but refers to their victims as "Soviet citizens, in the main of Jewish origin". This denaturalizes the victims, who were also citizens of those independent republics and had for generations lived among those who became their murderers - a slur by your correspondent that smacks of the prejudice of the

place and the period. 2. To speak of "the attempted genocide" of these Baltic peoples and "in the Ukraine" while refer-ring to the mass murder of Jewish men, women, and children as "allegedly mistreating Soviet citizens", is not only depreciation of the horror, but, considering that these regions are today virtually Judenrein [purged of Jews] quite outrageous. This can only serve the anti-Semitism of so-called "revisionists", who, rejecting all historical evidence, deny the Holocaust even happened.

3. Trials of war criminals who have abused British hospitality for too long, will not condone the atrocities of the Soviet Union, nor address charges collectively at entire national communities. Should perpetrators of murders committed in the name of Moscow be residing in the United Kingdom. their place should likewise be in the dock.

4. The warning of a pogrom in the Ukraine as a result of British justice taking its course is a strange twist. Surely trials in the United Kingdom might, on the contrary. deter firture perpetrators. Double standards only endanger the Jewish surviving remnants of the Holocaust and other minorities in the Soviet Union, by inciting one against the other.

5. If Mr Wallace really wishes to unite "politics" and "principle", he might encourage Balts, Ukrainians, Jews, and others to work together and face the challenges of a post-Stalinist Soviet Union. At a reception I attended last month at the Lithuanian "Embassy" Moscow in honour of the first Jewish Congress of the Soviet Union, our hosts expressed revulsion and remorse for the massacres of Jews in their country. They demanded a complete exposure of the truth, whether of the Holo-

Disaster relief From Mr Peter J. Burton

Sir, Hugh Hanning (January 17) is talking nonsense when he derides Britain's record disaster relief. Frequently the Overseas Development Administration's Disaster Unit is among the first to provide relief aid to a disaster overseas. The Armenian earthquake in December, 1988, which he mentions, was a case in point. We were in action again in Romania immediately help was

But this is not the point. This is not a race with other countries, nor an exercise to catch headlines. It is an operation to save lives. Victims of disasters have a right to get the help they really need. We make sure we get that help to the right place at the right time. If you send the wrong items you simply clog up the supply lines and prevent other supplies getting through - supplies which might save lives.

Rushdie and the law From Mr Yunus Ismail

Sir, Robert Kilroy-Silk's article of January 12 ("Salman Rushdie and the short arm of the law") fails to show any understanding of the relationship between Muslims and Islamic law. The latter is a group of religious laws not restricted by citizenship or domicile or residence in a country, but applied by virtue of professing the religion. It is based on a man's duties or obligations rather than on his rights and the sanction is that he

himself. Whilst I cannot condone calls

for the murder of Mr Rushdie, I

Science too pure?

Meanwhile, because funds are limited, the competitive advantages offered by applied research are forgone. Surely it is time to clip

So near, so far From Mr Phil Goddard

Sir, I wish I had known that it was quicker and cheaper to send letters via Zimbabwe (January 16). I went to the Soviet Consulate on Friday, January 5, to apply in person for a visa, as there was little time left until my departure on business for Moscow. I spent all morning waiting in what must be London's slowest-moving queue, only to be told at 12.30 that the consulate was closing for lunch until 3 o'clock

as your correspondents claim (namely, whether we should retrospectively extend the extraterritorial jurisdiction of British courts to British citizens who were not British at the time of the alleged crime) one might indeed wonder what all the fuss is about.

pact as affecting Lithuania.

Yours faithfully,

SHIMON SAMUELS.

Simon Wiesenthal Centre,

European Director,

5008 Paris, France.

January 17.

War crimes trials similarly aim

not only at justice for the victims,

but justice to the truth. Mr

Wallace's positions do a disservice

to the cause of historical integrity.

134 Rue du Fauborg Saint-Honoré,

From Mr Ivor Stanbrook, MP for

Orpington (Conservative)
Sir, If the issue in the war crimes

trials controversy were as simple

In fact, Messrs Janner and Marshall (January 8) and Brichto (January 9) conveniently ignore the fact that the Hetherington report bases its judgment of the sufficiency of evidence on the assumption that certain significant changes will be made to the normal rules of evidence and procedure solely for the purpose of these proposed trials.

These changes include the cancellation of committal proceedings; the admittance of foreign video recordings; the use of live television links; the admittance as evidence of written statements in a foreign language by aged witnesses unwilling to attend court; the admittance of written statements taken, in circumstances which may never be known, by persons now dead; the admittance of documents without requiring the maker or authenticator to attend court.

All this against the background of events a half-century ago and a thousand miles away, with no realistic chance of the defence seeking or finding evidence and witnesses in support of their case. Such changes are not "in accord with current practice, as Mr Janner claims. On the contrary, they are prerequisites for a rigged trial. No wonder the whole idea is repugnant to Barbara Amiel War crimes: a flimsy case". January 3) as it is to most British

lawyers. Yours faithfully, IVOR STANBROOK, House of Commons.

David Wyatt makes just these points in his letter (January 15), which Mr Hanning presumably had not seen when he wrote. I

years ago specifically to respond to natural and man-made disasters overseas. In that time we have sprung into action 650 times and supplied material worth £123 million - in addition to food supplies worth many millions.

edged by the countries we are able to help. In Armenia our work was recognised by the bestowing of an honour by the USSR Government. It is a pity that Mr Hanning who knows us well, is not prepared to acknowledge this too. Yours faithfully, PETER J. BURTON (Head of Disaster Unit).

Overseas Development January 18.

wili fall into sin.

Islamic law has wider application than any secular system of law, since it claims to regulate all aspects of a man's life, his duties to God, to his neighbour, and to

From Mr John Bercow Sir, David Davis's critique of the pure science lobby (article, January 4) is timely. I would suggest the pure science community's claim on the Exchequer is a classic case of producer capture - i e., Government asks the scientists what the country needs, the scientists tell ministers what they - oh, and, of course, the country need, the funds are granted and spent, then the whole circus recommences.

hope he has now read it. The Disaster Unit was set up 15

Our work is readily acknowl-

Administration, Eland House, Stag Place, SW1. can appreciate the impact his book has had on the Muslim commu-

nity, whose lives revolve around the Koran and its teachings Perhaps the question Kilrov-Silk ought to be asking is: "Why is the DPP taking so long to prosecute Rushdie?". After all, s.18 of the Public Order Act 1986 reads: A person who uses... abusive or insulting words... or displays any written material which is... abusive or insulting is guilty of an offence if... having regard to all the circumstances racial hatred is likely to be stirred in the racial. likely to be stirred up thereby.

This is an objective text. Given Rushdie's origins, his "under-standing" of the Muslim psyche, and the inherent racial difficulties in the UK, I submit that the DPP has an excellent case. Yours faithfully. YUNUS ISMAIL

32 Crawford Place, W1. January 16.

the wings of the pure science lobby.

To this end, Mr Davis's proposals are insufficiently radical. Perhaps we need an Office of Technology Assessment, on the American model, to guide Government investment in research. Even better, outside a few centres of excellence devoted to worldclass pure research, the Government should bring real market pressures to bear by making all Government funding of scientific research contingent upon matching funds from private enterprise. Yours faithfully, JOHN BERCOW.

2 Pinkerton Place. Tooting Bec Gardens, SW16.

Unwilling to wait that long, I put a first-class stamp on my

pillar box over the road. The consulate has no letter box. The application reached the consulate on January 16, having taken 10 days to arrive a distance approximately 50 yards away. My flight to Moscow left without me.

January 16.

application and posted it from a

Yours faithfully, PHIL GODDARD, 70 Cricklewood Broadway, NW2.

'999' courses in short supply

From Mr Peter Radoux Sir, I was pleased to read in The Times (report, January 10) that the Government wish to increase the number of ambulance staff with paramedical skills. In my own case, I have been trying since 1983 to secure a place on just such a course, first by attending night school in my own time and at my own expense for two years, whilst a member of the Association of Emergency Medical Technicians: secondly, by sacrificing many rest days to attend lectures given at local hospitals and by the am-

bulance service. Entrance exams to the NHS training authority's paramedic course were held almost two years ago. Since then only six ambulance personnel from West Sussex have been given places on that course. I have yet to receive my own course dates, despite the fact that I passed the exam in May. 1988.

I would also say that whilst not paramedics, the vast majority of West Sussex qualified ambulance personnel are trained in many lifesaving skills, including the use of cardiac monitor/defibrillators and nebulisers for the treatment of asthmatics.

West Sussex ambulance service employs a two-tier staffing system. whereby second-tier staff are responsible for the transport of all out-patients (a valuable training period while waiting to go on to the first tier), and first-tier staff are used to attend all accident and emergency calls (accounting for 95 per cent of their duties). Training for qualified staff lasts for 64 weeks so, whilst they are not paramedics, they are clearly more than "professional drivers". Yours faithfully, PETER RADOUX,

14 Woodcourt, Broadfield, Crawley, West Sussex. January 17.

Hong Kong entry

From Dr A. H. Seville Sir. Suppose that from Hong Kong we allowed in for settlement with their families only those who had already successfully completed a course of higher education here. It would be a simple criterion, automatically selecting those who had established a close connection with this country and who had contributed financially and intellectually to our education system. It would be less inequitable than a plain financial test, there would be few problems of adjustment - and we need the graduates.

I know that the ability, dilince, and countesy of this of former students would be an additional recommendation. Indeed, I can think of no respectable reason why their possible entry should be opposed. The numbers involved are comparable with those presently being considered by the Government.

Yours sincerely, ADRIAN SEVILLE (Academic Registrar), City University, Northampton Square, EC1.

Museum charges

From the Director General of the Imperial War Museum Sir, Miss Geddes (January 17) is quite right to draw attention to the cost of collecting and conserving exhibits and consequently muse-ums today have systems of establishing exactly what these costs are. We also operate quite sophisticated performance measures for curatorial tasks. Indeed, it is because the national museums are sensibly and efficiently managed that we know precisely what our financial problems are.

For the same reason many of us now believe that museum charges make a measurable and positive contribution to the museum economy. At the Imperial War Museum we have also shown that a combination of lively displays and energetic marketing results in increasing numbers of visitors. even when a charge is imposed. Yours faithfully, ALAN BORG. Director General, Imperial War Museum,

Where credit's due

Lambeth Road, SE1.

From Mr A. M. Stubbs Sir, I can effortlessly surpass your correspondent (January 10) who noted banal credits on films. During Christmas we were treated to a letter explaining the working terms and conditions of a local company which was signed; "Executive Assistant to the Deputy Plumber". Yours faithfully,

A. M. STUBBS, Down Court Cottag Matching Road, Hatfield Heath, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire. January 12.

From Mr Brian Garcia Sir, How churtish to seek to deny screen credits to all those hardworking individuals associated with a film production. Let us apply such generosity to other areas. This letter was: dictated by Brian Garcia typed by Katie O'Malley photocopied by Marjorie Prendegast faxed by Caron Deans

Yours sincerely, BRIAN GARCIA, 29 Clurdleigh Road Twickenham, Middlesex. January 16. Letters to the Editor should carry

a daytime telephone number. They

(01)782 5046.

may be sent to a fax number



COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE anuary 18: The Princess Royal this afternoon attended a Conference Luncheon given by the National Economic Developreational Economic Develop-ment Office on "Working For Pleasure -- Tourism and Leisure Tomorrow" at Lancaster House, SWI.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in

Afterwards Her Royal High-ness, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Signals, received Ma-jor-General G R Ochlers (Representative Colonel Com-mandant) on completion of his

KENSINGTON PALACE January 18: The Princess of

Today's royal

Cocktail party

engagement Princess Margaret will attend concert to be given by members of New College, Oxford, at St John's Smith Square at 7.35.

Birthdays today The Right Rev S.F. Allison, former Bishop of Winchester, 83; Miss Nina Bawden, novelist, 65; Sir Alfred Beit, former MP,

87; the Earl of Carnarvon, 66; Judge Sir Jonathan Clarke, 60; Mr Michael Crawford, actor and singer, 48; Mr Bernard Dunstan, painter, 70; Mr Stefan Edberg, tennis player, 24; Mr Richard Francis, racehorse trainer, 44; Lord Glentoran, 78; Mr W.K. Goldsmith, company director, 52; Miss Patricia Highsmith, writer, 69; Mr Hans Hotter, bass writer, 69; Mr Hans Hotter, bass baritone, 81; Sir Alex Jarratt, chairman, Smiths Industries, 66; Mr Richard Lester, film director, 58; Colonel Terence Maxwell, 85; Brigadier Helen Meechie, former director, WRAC, 52; Mr David Newbigging, chairman, Rentokil Group, 56; Mr Nigel Nicolson, author, 73; Señor Javier Pérez de Cnéllar, secretary general, United Nations, 70; Mr Simon Rattle, conductor, 35; the Duke of St Albans, 51; Sir John Stanley, MP, 48; the

Marketors' Company

The following have been in-stalled officers of the Marketors' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Gerald Draper, Senior Warden, Mr Robert Wilson; Middle Warden, Mr Geof-frey Darby; Junior Warden, Mr

Sir John Stanley, MP, 48; the Earl of Wernyss and March, 78.

Wales, Patron, Relate National Marriage Guidance, attended a counsellors' training course at Herbert Gray College, Little Church Stret, Rugby.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was entertained at Dinner this evening by His Excellency The High Commis-sioner for India and Shrimati Rasgotra at 9 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8.

Mrs Charles Vyvyan and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, National Asthma Campaign, was present today at the first Council Meeting at Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue,

Mrs Michael Wigley was in

The Lord Mayor, Sir Hugh Bidwell, was present at the annual cocktail party held by the annual cocktail party held by the Chairman, Sir Christopher Benson, and Directors of property company MEPC plc at Plaisterers Hall on Wednesday night. Guests included The Rt Hon The Lord Boardman, The Rt Hon The Earl Cairns, P.J. Costain, Sir Nigel Broackes, E.A.J. George, Sir Terry Heiser, Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, M. Mallinson, Sydney Mason, Sir John Quinton, Sir David Scholey, P. Sheehy and Clir D. Weeks.

Dinners

Families for Defence
Lady Olga Maitland, Chairman
of the Families for Defence
Patrons Club, presided at a
dinner hald last night at the dinner held last night at the House of Commons by courtesy of Sir John Stradling-Thomas, MP, who also spoke. Mr Andrew Mitchell, MP, and Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP, were the other speakers.

Coungaby Club
The Soviet Ambassador was the gnest of honour at a Coningsby Club dinner held last night at the Carlton Club. Mr Neale

Actuaries' Company Mr P.W. Parker, Master of the Actuaries' Company, assisted by Mr P.J. Turvey and Mr K.E. Ayers, Wardens, presided at a court dinner held last night at Cutlers' Hall. Mr Geoffrey Haywood, founder Master, also make and Mr. Alderman Sir. spoke and Mr Alderman Sir Peter Gadsden was the principal

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.A. Speare-Cole and Miss J.F. Boscawen and Miss J.F. Boscawen
The engagement is announced between Hubert Alastair, son of Commander M.B. and Mrs Speare-Cole, and Jessica of Richmond, Surrey, and Debra, eldest daughter of Mrs and Mrs Edward Fischgrund, of

Mr D.E. Allen and Miss B.J. Hogg The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Allen, of Bole Hill, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, and Beverley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Hogg, of Bamenda, North West Province, Republic of Cameroon, and also Annfield

Plain, County Durham. Mr P.H. Ashby and Miss E.M. Ball The engagement is announced between Peter Hugh, eldest son of the late Mr Hugh King Ashby and of Mrs Birthe Ashby, of Oxford, and Elizabeth Mary.

eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Ball, of Lower Almondsbury, Bristol. Dr J.W. Barrett and Dr S.M.L. Tunnicliffe

The engagement is announced het engagement is announced between James, only son of Mrs Hazel Barrett, of High Barnet, and the late Dr John Barrett, of Kingsbridge, and Sara, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Mich-ael Tunnicliffe, of Wingrave, Bucks

Mr LD. Brace Gardner and Miss E.M. White and Miss E.M. Whate
The engagement is announced
between Ian Donglas, youngest
son of Mr and Mrs B.C. BruceGardner, of Flyford Flavell,
Worcestershire, and Elisabeth
Mary (Beth), only daughter of
the iste Mr R.D. White and of
Mrs McLellan and stendarche

Mrs McLellan, and step-daugh-ter of Lt Col D.H. McLellan, of Ollerton, Cheshire, formerly of East Worldham, Hampshire, Mr C.McN. Dewar and Miss M.J. Tuoby

The engagement is announced between Calum, son of Mr A. Dewar and the late Mrs M. Dewar and stepson of Mrs M.K. Dewar, of Amberley, Glouces tershire, and Jane, daughter of Mr M. Tuohy, of New York, and Mrs S. Durrell-Walsh, of Stalham, Norfolk.

Mr J.E.G. Dickinson and Miss A.L. Chambers

The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs S.H. Dickinson, of Heswall, the Wirral, and Ann Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Chambers, of Esher, Surrey. Mr P.J. Ennis

and Miss C.J. Call The engagement is announced between Peter John, son of Mr and Mrs Desmond Ennis, of Edgware, Middlesex, and Carey Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Cull, of Boxford, Suffolk

Mr M.N. Kelly and Miss S.A. Baker

The engagement is announced between Martin, only son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Namy, of Torquay, Devon, and Stephanie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Baker, of New-Mrs C.E.J. Tarnbull and Miss J.M. Mason took

Mr J. McNiven and Miss L.E. Hallam The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs James McNiven. of Balloch, Scotland, and Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Hallam, of Morley,

guest. Among others present were:

Hampstead, London.

and Mice J.R. Reten Mr John Jamieson-Black, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Jamieson-Black, of Riverview Estate, Perak, Malaysia, and Julia, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Eaton, of Elmley Castle, Worts, are delighted to castle when the second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Eaton, of Elmley Castle, Worts, are delighted to castle when their castlesses. announce their engagement.

Mr C.J. Clark and Miss N.M. Mason The engagement is announced between Chris, son of Mr and Mrs John Clark, of Marston Bigot, Somerset, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Mason, of Witley, Surrey.

Mr J.F. Dernie and Miss F.G. Fox
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs Eric Dernie, of

Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and Fenella, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Fox, of Cheriton, Hampshire. Mr M.N. Smethurst

and Miss K.L. Binfield and Miss K.L. Binfield
The engagement is announced
between Matthew, only son of
Mr and Mrs J.M. Smethurst, of
Tring, Hertfordshire, formerly
of Aberdeen, and Karen, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs P.T.
Binfield, of Chesham,
Buckinghamshire.

Mr D.M. Saell and Miss S.C. Bassett The engagement is announced between Douglas McKinnon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ian Snell, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Sara Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Oliver Michael John Bassett, of

Sevenoaks, Kent. Mr R.P.J. Swannell and Miss A. Sabokbar

The engagement is announced between Richard Paul John, elder son of Mr and Mrs B.E. Swannell, of Westbury-on-Severn, and Afsaneh, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Sabokbar, of

Mr D.J. Walsh and Miss E.S. Ballance The engagement is announced between David James, son of the late Dr J. Walsh and of Mrs
M. Walsh, of Sipson, Middlesex,
and Elizabeth Sarab, elder
daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael

Ballance, of Northleach, Gloncestershire. Dr A.M. Willia and Dr J.C. Dania The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Williams of Exminster, Devon, and Joanna,

daughter of Mr and Mrs Clem Danin, of Craabrook, Kent. Marriage

The marriage took place on Saturday, January 13, at The Church of St John the Baptist, Boldre, of Charles, eldest son of Brigadier and Mrs E.M. Turnbull, of Farnham, Surrey, and Judy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.M. Mason, of

FELICITY YOUETT

Interior design, sculpture and stage costume

The artist Felicity Youett, band Yes. In 1986 she was died of cancer in London on involved in the restoration of January 12, aged 45. She was the interior of the Whitehall born in Coventry on Novem- Theatre, and in 1987 created ber 28, 1944. In 1965 she went costumes for a musical ento study painting at the Royal titled Food for the charity College of Art. There she Kids UK. She decorated the interiors began to be interested in unorthodox materials - first of various West End res-

her illness.

in painted ply wood, then taurants, including Bertorelli's satin, fake fur, pink foam and Cafe Fish, raising their rubber – and began to create Christmas decorations to an bright sculptures of wrapped art form - her last were sweets, fruit slices or completed this year despite toothbrushes.

For Felicity Youett, no colour existed in isolation, and she would expound on the ways in which colours were affected by those around them also wore second hand textures. She made many surrounding the Kings Road cushions and quilted shop Granny Takes a Trip. It cushions and quilted shop of wallhangings which, while was st they displayed her absorption Pants. with the enhancement of

with the enhancement of domestic spaces, were also highly sophisticated visual essays on the subjects of colour, sheen and shadow.

Advertising agencies, photographers and the shops of "Swinging London", including Mr Freedom and Bill Gibb, began to use her talents. Both practical and tenacious she belonged to the "Suck it and See" school of sain rocks, sky scrapers, pensuing and more abstract "Suck it and See" school of design and could turn up to a job brimming with solutions to problems previously considered hopelessly intractable. In 1972 she made a life size cow and megalithic soft sculptures of British products, including sausages, straw-berries and a pint of beer, for an exhibition in Paris to mark Britain's entry into the Common Market. In the mid seventies, with Roger Dean



OBITUARIES

Felicity Youett, in clothes of her own design, with two of her artefacts

she created stage costumes and with whom, in and backgrounds for the rock had a son, Spencer. **CHARLES HERNU**

Going down with the Rainbow Warrior

Charles Hernu, the controversial French Defence Minister who was obliged to resign in the wake of an international outcry over the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior in July 1985 as the Greenpeace vessel was sailing to protest against French nuclear testing in the Pacific, died on January 17, aged 66.

He suffered a heart attack while addressing a pro-Arme-nian rally in Villeurbanne, the city near Lyons where he had long been Mayor.

Hernu was a prominent figure in the French Socialist party essentially because of a more than 20 year-old personal friendship with Presi- headed the DGSE intelligence dent Mitterrand. It was service, after M. Laurent Fa-Hernu, it was often said, who had brought the French Socialist intellectual and politician round to understanding the left, in power, must adopt an almost Gaullian orthodoxy over defence policy, and particularly France's independent nuclear deterrent, if it was to avoid serious and

converting cars to run on

methanol could help alleviate

the pollution problems of

A report in the January 10

edition of Science (vol 247, pp

201-205) gives details of a

computer simulation showing

how switching to methanol

could improve air quality in

the city, even after three days

of smog-promoting conditions.

Ozone is the scourge at the centre of smog. The ozone layer, more than 20 km high in

the atmosphere, shields us from damaging ultraviolet

radiation from the Sun. But

ozone formed nearer the

ground can be hazardous to

It forms when sunlight acts

on the mixture of chemicals in

car exhausts. In Los Angeles,

the car-owning capital of the

United States, ozone concen-

trations often exceed national

air quality standards, particu-

larly when cold air blows

towards the city from the sea

(rather than warmer air from

When this happens, pollut-

ants released into the layer of

cold air above the city cannot

Rugby School has awarded

Sixth Form Scholarships for

entry in September, 1990, to the following: Katharine Price, Sawston Village College,

Sawston, Cambridge, Beatrice Wilson, Oxford High School;

Jane Sutherland, Longridge Towers School, Berwick-upon-

Tweed; Charlotte Williams, Northampton High School; Pinky Yu. Bedford High School;

Helen Hawker, The Lady El-eanor Holles School, Hampton, Middlesex.

To a reserach fellowship from

October 1: John Stuart Richer

University news

Combridge

(Queens').

Queens' College

Rugby School

the mountains to the east).

health.

smog-bound Los Angeles.

The burly, bearded son of a

guins and more abstract

hangings.
Her luxurious ammonite

and shell cushions were widely

copied by commercial interior

designers, although without

her exacting eye for the essential nature of the object

A great originator, Felicity Youett had a satirical sense of

humour. She leaves many friends, including Terry

Bullent, with whom she lived

and with whom, in 1988, she

imitated.

French gendarme had all the obvious working-class qualifications but after four and a half years as Defence minister it was the more the French orthodox left who treated him with suspicion than rightwing officers in the armed services. Many on the left had ill digested Hernu's realism about the army's famous silent role in politics, judging he had become more of a cat's paw.

late September 1985, together with the French admiral who bius, the Prime Minister, decided at President defence expert.
Mitterrand's bidding, the min- After the May ister should take the blame for French agents' blowing up the Rainbow Warrior in Auckland

Hernu finally resigned in

a Greenpeace photographer. It was "a bad decision," M. damaging trouble with top television, Protesting still his and scientific chiefs, Hernu

of ozone smog ensues.

alcohoi".

To combat the problem,

both the State of California

and the Federal Government

have been promoting the use

of "clean" motor fuels, such as

methanol, also known as

methyl alcohol or "wood

Unlike petrol, the by-prod-

ucts of methanol combustion

are less likely to produce

ozone when reacting with sunlight. But methanol use

could lead instead to increased

concentrations of another

chemical, formaldehyde,

Some research has suggested

that a switch to methanol

would have little effect on

ozone concentrations if smog-

forming conditions persist for

a number of days, and that the

increased emission of formal-

dehyde would nullify any

In the new Science paper, A

G Russell from the University

of Pittsburgh and colleagues

discuss their computer simu-

lation of smog formation in

the Los Angeles basin, using

climate data for August 30 to

September 1 1982, when air

escape to the warmer air pollution was more severe neak ozone levels were halved.

HRH The Duchess of Glouces-

ter, Patron, attended the inaugu-ral meeting of the Council of the

National Asthma Campaign,

formed by a merger between the Asthma Research Council and

the Asthma Society. Afterwards

Her Royal Highness presided at a luncheon which was held at

the Drapers Hall. Among others

present were Irene, Lady Astor of Hever, Vice Patron, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, President, and Lady Hailsham, Professor Charles Fletcher, Mr

Robert Luff, Professor Margaret

Turner-Warwick and Mrs Helen Wilde, Vice Presidents, Sir Peter

Emery MP, Chairman, and

Lady Emery, Dr Bill Frankland, Vice Chairman, and Mrs

Frankland.

Guests included:

beneficial effects.

Receptions

National Asthma Cam

The latest research shows how above, and a massive build-up

representiatives of the armed innocence, Hernu maintained senior officers had "hidden the truth from me." David Lange, then New Zealand's Prime Minister, suggested France had reaped a whirlwind because it had not accepted from the start the "wrongness" of its agents'

> Born in Quimper, Brittany, on July 3, 1923, Hernu moved with his family to Lyons, joining the resistance in that city during the Second World War. He had a brief career in journalism but soon went into politics and in 1956 was elected a Mendes-France deputy. Hernu joined Francois Mitterrand's efforts to rebuild the Socialist party from 1971 onwards and became its chief

After the May 1981 Socialist victory Hernu became Defence Minister and announced he was temporarily suspend-Harbour, causing the death of ing the ongoing nuclear tests on the Muroroa atoll. But within a few days, following Fabius told the nation on evident pressure from service

than it had been for some

area into 5-kilometre squares

and the atmosphere into five

vertical layers, and used data

for the predicted emissions

from cars, and other sources,

Even in a simulation in

which all the cars ran on

petrol, the situation was

slightly better than at present.

because the researchers took

into account stringent controls

on future exhaust emissions.

But further drops of about 15

per cent in peak ozone

concentration resulted when

the cars used methanol as fuel.

and when power plants and

other stationary sources of

pollutants were converted to

Unfortunately, it is unlikely that pure methanol could be

used in practice. It burns with

an invisible flame - not a

good safety feature - and cars

would have problems starting

When the simulation was

run with a more practical

alternative (a mix of 85 per

cent methanol with petrol).

the potential reductions in

Earl Attlee, Mrs Edwina Currie MP, Nor Michael Foot MP, Sir Norman Fowler MP, and Lady Fowler, Me Liz Hobbs, Dr Martin McNicol, President of the British Thoracic Society, Mr Derek Nimmo, and Rubbi Plancey representing the Chief Rubbi.

Sir Trevor Holdsworth, President of the CBI, was the

principal guest at a reception on

January 17, 1990, given by KPMG Peat Marwick

McListock to launch its Centre

for Manufacturing Consultancy, held in Birmingham for clients

Mr David Mitchell, to be Trea-

surer of the Scottish Conser-

vative Party in succession to Sir

Lord Nation to be Chairman of

the Animal Procedures Committee in succession to Profes-

sor David Williams, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge.

and partners of the firm.

Appointments

Matthew Goodwin.

methanol as well.

in the cold.

for the years 2000 and 2010.

The simulation divided the

SCIENCE REPORT

Clearing the air with methanol

reversed himself and from then on became a fearless defender of such testing regardless of mounting protests from foreign governments or ecological groups.

Hernu increased France's defence spending, allocating to the country's nuclear deterrent some 30 per cent of the total defence funds under a five-year programme from 1983. As minister, he also encouraged France's worldwide arms sales. Hernu supported Britain publicly during the Falklands War but the effect was soured somewhat when Argentina used to good efect the Exocet missiles it had flew to Ndjamena on behalf of President Mitterrand to support French troops in Chad when that state was threatened by Libya.

Hernu was re-elected triumphantly in the March 1986 elections as voters showed their steady approval of the man notwithstanding Rainbow Warrior affair.

This is only a small improve

ment over the all-petrol

simulation, partly because the

researchers' calculations

allowed for the continued

presence of some petrol-run

cars. But the simulations also

showed how ozone increases

would overlap with centres of

human population. When hu-

man exposure to ozone was

considered, even the use of the

methanol-petrol mix had

As well as showing that

methanol fuel use could pro-

vide a partial solution to the

ozone problem, even over

three days of smog-forming

weather, the simulations show

only slight increases in the

amount of formaldehyde, and

even reductions in some areas.

clude that the use of metha-nol-based fuels would im-

prove urban air quality.

Previous experiments that

suggested otherwise were car-

ried out in small "smog

chambers", in which the

build-up of pollutants is very

different from that in the

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Professor Barry Bridges, of Queen's University, Beliast, Dr Fiona Broughton Pipkin, of the

Queen's Medical Centre, Not-

tingham, Dr Susan Iversen, of Merck, Sharp and Dohme Re-search Laboratories, and Profes-

sor Michael Spyer, of the Roya Free Hospital Medical School

London are to join the

Mr Roger Knight, to be Head

master of Worksop College

Nottingham from September I, in succession to Mr Hugh Monro, Mr Knight is at present

The Douai Society is preparing a

new directory. Any old boy who has not received recent mailings is invited to send his address to

the Secretary at the school.

at Cranleigh School.

Donai School

Peter Aldhous

atmosphere.

Russell and colleagues con-

marked benefits.

CAPTAIN KENNETH HARKNESS

Action against the U-boats

Captain Kenneth Harkness, CBE, DSC, who has died aged 89, had a distinguished career

nessed the surrender of the German High Seas Fleet and one of many who spent six in June, 1919, was serving in HMS Revenge, flagship of the First Battle Squadron, when the German fleet scuttled itself in Scapa Flow.

island of Hoy to round up any with the 16-inch gun battle-German sailors who had ship Nelson. swim ashore.

There were none, but next day he obtained permission to sail a whaler with four other midshipmen to look at the half sunken Hindenberg. Laden with souvenirs the party was about to return when they encountered Flag Officer, Orkney and Shetland engaged on a similar mission.
As the Admiral was in no position to refuse they were allowed to bring their loot back on board.

In 1937 Harkness commanded the destroyer Winchelsen attached to the Portsmouth Submarine Flotilla and later the destroyer Fearless in the Home Fleet. In 1940 Fearless was escorting a troop convoy to Norway when in company with the destroyer northern fjord.

documents. For this exploit he his first marriage.

was awarded the DSC. Kenneth Lanyon Harkness was born in August 1900 and in the Royal Navy that joined the Navy in 1914, going spanned two World Wars. As a midshipman he wit- To make up for education lost through the First War he was

months at Cambridge Univer-In 1926 he specialised in gunnery and was involved in spells at sea as gunnery officer On return to harbour with the experimental depart-Harkness was dispatched on a ment of HMS Excellent, motorbike armed with a remotorbike, armed with a revolver, to drive round the gum armaments which started

He subsequently served as gunnery officer of the cruisers Cumberland and Devonshire. At the Admiralty from 1935 as ceremonial officer he had the Naval responsibility for four state funerals concluding with that of King George V.

After World War II he commanded the cruiser Sheffield, his last appointment being chief-of-staff to Commander-in-Chief Portsmouth before retiring in 1947.

Turning his hand to civil defence he was appointed regional director for London, a post he held for 11 years for which he was appointed CBE. Possessing a nice sense of humour and an amazing abil-

ity of recali Kenneth Harkness was a raconteur of some Brazen she was ordered to standing who will be greatly search for a U-boat in a missed by his many friends in the service. Harkness attacked with His first wife, the former depth charges, brought U49 to Joan Lovell died in 1979. He

the surface and sent a boat married secondly, Mary over to pick up the crew before Stroud, who survives him they could destroy valuable together with a daughter from

BASIL DUKE HENNING Editing the *History of Parliament*

Basil Duke Henning, who died to suggest that Henning on January 15 aged 79, will be should be invited to become remembered along with Na- one of its editors. The trustees mier, Sedgwick and others as warmly agreed, and after some one of the early editors of the 10 years of association with History of Parliament.

More English (when in London) than the once-conventional West Ender - black tion years 1660-1690. homburg (from St James's Street, of course), sober dark suit (Savile Row?), lunch at the Garrick (where else?), and by taxi everywhere – Henning always accompanied by Aliwas essentially a devoted son son, his wife, who survives of Yale, latterly Colgate him — became gradually exof Yale, latterly Colgate Professor of History there and Master of Saybrook College for 29 years.

In his student days he had Wallace Not enamoured of the English way of life, the mystique of English institutions, and finding (after distinguished Second World War service at sea) intellectual satisfaction in the study and teaching of English 17th-century history.

history project led Notestein to an American citizen.

the work, Henning in 1962 accepted editorial responsibility for the 1602 leaves 1602 leave

From this time on, and until tended, first by sabbatical leaves and later by a period of continuous residence.

His three volumes appeared succumbed to the spell of in 1983. Their scholarship was immediately perceived.

One further, rarer tribute became his late in 1984, when the Chief Whip, with suitable ceremony at Yale, presented to him the engraved medallion normally reserved for notable retiring members of the House of Commons, The revival, in 1951, of awarded at the Speaker's dis-Wedgwood's parliamentary cretion, and never previously

Archaeology

Viking warship was made in Ireland

By Christopher Follett

The discovery that a Viking which only about one-fifth is warship found scuttled in a left. Danish and Irish archaeo-Danish fjord was built near Dublin in the mid-eleventh Century, is forcing historians to redate the Viking presence in Ireland.

History books have hitherto dated the end of the Vikings' 400-year settlement of Ireland to AD1014, when the Nordic invaders were finally routed by local Irish forces at the Battle of Cloutarf. However, new Danish tests

carried out last autumn on the oak hulk of a Viking ship in Denmark tell a different tale, extending the period the Viking invaders held sway in Ireland by half a century at

Dendrochronological tests on the rings in the oakwood keel of what is the oldest pointed not, as expected, to a local Scandinavian or Baltic place of construction but to Dublin, around AD1060. The Viking warship is one

of five eleventh century craft raised from the muddy depths of Roskilde Fjord, west of Copenhagen, over 25 years ago. The five ships - two states of repair are on permanent exhibition at the Viking Ship Museum in the Danish cathedral city of Roskilde.

After making tests on the oak hulk of one of the war-

BIRTHS: James Watt, inventor,

logists are in no doubt that the warships' birthplace was the Viking settlement of Woodquay, near Dublin. "This find is of enormous

historical and archaeological significance in Europe," Pat Wallace, director of the Irish National Museum, said. The warships' birthplace was worked out by Mr Neils Bonde, curator at Denmark's National Museum, in Copenhagen, using tree detection research by Mr Michael Bail-lie, a Belfast-based scientist, on the ageing and distinctive growth patterns of tree rings in

the ship's cutaway keel. Comparative studies conducted on oakwood fragments from wrecked Viking vessels at the Dublin site confirmed extant Viking long ship wreck the Danish and Irish experts' theory. The warship would have had a crew of up to 60 on board on its voyage from

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Ireland to Denmark. Along with the four other vessels on exhibition at the Viking Ship Museum, the "Irish" Viking warship was filled with stones and sunk in the early twelfth century to warships, two trading vessels and a fishing boat — in various marauding Norwegian Viking invaders from attacking Roskilde, then Denmark's capital and main port.

The Irish wreck is currently under reconstruction at Roskilde. The project is expected to ships — an 85ft man-of-war, of be completed in the spring.

Anniversaries

Greenock, 1736; Johann Bode, stronomer, Hamburg, 1747: Robert E. Lee, Confederate c-in-c in the American Civil War, Stratford, Virginia, 1807; Edgar Alan Poe, writer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1809; Sir Henry Bessemer, pioneer of steel production, Charlton, Hertford-shire, 1813; Paul Cezanne, painter, Aix-en-Provence, 1839;

Augustine Birrell, politician and writer, Wavertree, Lancashire, 1850.

DEATHS: Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey, poet and courtier, London, 1547; Hans Sachs, poet and dramatist, Nuremberg, 1576; William Congreve, dramatist, London, 1729; Pierre Proudhon, Socialist, Paris,

The first air raid on Britain - on Yarmouth, 1915.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

to the bearing

Watch, Therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.
St. Matthew 25: 13 BIRTHS CALDERRAME - On January 17th. to Judith, wife of January 15th 1990. To January 15th 1990. To January 15th 1990. To Jin Ee Intel Law) and David, a daughter. Honor Elizabeth Lee. at 7ths 20c. A beautiful sister for Edward. Constitution of the second of

CAYZER - On January 17th. to Herriotta, wife of Nigel, a daughter.

to Herrinal. Whe triopes, a dauphlet.

COMEN - On January 12th 1990, to Michael and Rosensary (nice Pearce), a daughter. Charlotte Lucy. Thanks to all the materially shift at Oddstock Hospital. Salisbury.

See KLER - On Tuesday January 16th 1990, to Hugo and Caroline. a son. Thomas Bertrarn, a brother for Elizabeth and Katherine.

See See 18008181872 - On January 13th 1990, to Lizie (nice Syng) and Hervé. a son. John. a brother for Camilla and Louis.

John. a brother for Camilia and Louis.

SALLON - On January 16th, at Winchester Hospital, to Anna (nee Periss) and Peter.

a second. Son. Harry Cornelius Authory.

LAWSON-CRUTTENDEN - On January 18th, at the Royal Sussex County Hospital.

Brighton, to Salty (nee Brotherhood) and Richard. a son. Alexander Jacob. a brother for Thomas Chiver.

MARGURES - On January 14th, to Andrea tode Hills, and David. a daughter.

Gatriella, a sister for Alexandra and Ariela.

MOSES - On December 29th MOESS - On December 29th 1989, to Lesley (née Severn) and Phil. a daughter. Nicola Stebben

and PML a daugater. Necota Siobhan.

PMELIPS - On January 12th. to Christine and Ian. a son. Ashley Charles.

PMESCOT - On January 17th. to Susie (the Chitham) and Colin. a son. Archibald Keprick.

SAMPSESON - On New Years Eve. to Rosalind (née Builocid and Nicotas. a son. Theodore.

SAVEMER - On January 11th 1990.- to Elaine the Ensor) and Alan. a daughter. Samuaya Jane. a sister for Laura and Army.

TITE - On January 16th 1990.

THE On January 16th 1990. to Luchda (nie Slade) and Christopher, a son, William Christopher James. Curstopher James: WALLIS - On Jenuary 1 7th, at The British Milliary Hospital, Berlin, to Elizabeth thee Kershaw) and John, a deugster, Victoria Charlotte Louise, a sister for James. - DEATHS

ASTELL - On January 13th 1990, at Bishops Casile, after a short litheas bravely borne. Estre, beloved wife of the late Henry Astell. Gevoted mother of Robert and siepnother of Robert and Service at St. Peter's Church. More. Stropelitz. Dut donations if desired to St. Peter's Church. More. Enutires to W.R.R. Pugh and Son. lelephone: Streewishing (0745) 4646.

BALKWIL - On January 18th. peacefully in Wantage Hospital. Ellaline Estre. Beloved wife of the late Edward Alan, mother of Susan. Bridget and Jan and enadmother of Andrew. Frons. Kate. Joanna, David. Withiam and Frances. Cremation Tranksgiving Service at East Forliemouth, Devon, to be arranged later. Enquiries to H.J. Knapp and Sons. Caurch Street. Wantage. Cadon. be: (022577 3060.

BARRATT - On January 16th. Kenneth Archibald William

London. W8 49G.
CANGERON - On January 9th
1990. in Surrey. Orcille
Morva, Loved wife of the late
Major General Roderic
Duncan Cameron. Funeral
has taken place.
CANTER - On January 10th
1990. Herniette Center.
peacefully in hospital, aged
91 years. An exceptionally
gifted utotinist. Service at
Enfeld Crematorium on
Tuesday January 23rd at
10,15 am. Flowers or
donations piesse to 1.S.M., 10
Strafford Place. W1 NAE.

GARRATT - On January 16th 1990, peacefully at home. 1990, peacefully at home. Victoria Hospital in Lichifeld. Arthur Lestie M.B.E., J.P., aged 86 years, Funcrai Service Lichifeld Cathedral Monday January 22nd at 2.50 pm. followed by Critistopher. Caroline and Stepfather of Duncan, Caroline and Manada and dearest grandfather of Hagen. He loved to so much we will miss him forever. Funcaral Service at Shaltori Parish Church on Tuesday January 23rd at 12 had great grandfather. Cremation has taken place.

MALLIFAX - On January 15th 1990, suddenly in Paphos. Cobbiestone House. House, Cobbiestone House, Kingsley.

MALLIFAX - On January 15th 1990, suddenly in Paphos, Cyprus, Thomas Frederick (Heavy), much loved husband of Maggie,

Surrey.

SURTEY.

SCHEPLEER • On January

17th. most peacefully in

Dorchester Hospital, after a
short illness. Elizabeth Aimée
(Beity) born Cookson, one
day into her 90th year. Wife
of the late Major John
Schreiber. Dearty loved
mother-in-jave, And so much
missed amongst the family of

missed amongst the (amily of which she was part. Funeral Service at Stalbridge Parish Church on Thursday Janu-ary 25th at 12 noon. Flowers to H.F. Miles, (0963) 40367.

to H.F. Miles, (0963) 40367.

SHAIMCLEMAN - On January
16th 1990. Eric. retired
Professor of Industrial
Marketing at Crantleid,
School of Management.
Sadiy missed by his wife
Andrey and children Jill.
Martin and Lucy and
grandchildren Hannah, Josh,
Michael and Claire and
daughter-In-law Judith and
son-in-law Michael. No
flowers, department of the Renat Unit. Dutwich
Hospital, London SE22.

SLATER - On January 15th

JOLLY - On January 18th 1990, John, aged 84 years, of Scremby, near Solisby. Lincs, father of Keith and Miles. Furweral Service will take place at Scremby-Church on Wednesday January 24th at 11.15 am. No flowers by request. Donations may be given to Scremby Church. c/o J.W. Cawthorpe & Sons. Ulceby. near Allord. Lincs.

near Allord. Lincs.

JOHRDANN - On January 17th, peacefully. Seymour. aged 92 years, tale of the Connaught Rangers and Royal Signals. Beloved histoand of the late Louise and dear brother-in-law of Akstlair McGill. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church. Worth. Crawley, on Thursday January 25th at 2 pm. followed by Cremation at the Surrey and Sussex Crematonium. Balcombe Road, Crawley. Family Rowers only. Donations if desired to Array Benevolent Fund. Any further enquiries to Francis Chappell & Sons. Crawley 21407. SLATER - On January 15th, at home, after a courageous struggle against cancer, Dr. William (J.D.H.), loving and much-leved husband of

LANGLEY - On January 16th, peacefully at home in Snape. Chartes Patrick, beloved mishand, father, grandfather and friend. Funeral Service and friend. Funeral Service at St John's Church. Snape. Suffolk. at 2 pm on Wednesday January 24th 1990. No flowers at his request. No flowers at his request. but donations if wished to the Church Urban Fund may be tent to Mr D. Nichols. 74 Fairfield Road. Sammundham.

Snommitham.

LAWTON • On January 17th, suddenly in hospital. Geoffrey Outram, of Sudbury. Derbyshre, aged 83 years. Dearry loved husband of the late Jean. Vanessa and Susan, proud grandfather and great-grandfather. Fumeral Wednesday January 24th 1990 at 2.30 pm at St. Margaret's Church, Blackfordby. Leicestershire. Margaret's Church Blackfordby, Leicestershire Blackfordoy. Lekessersine. Family flowers only. Donations for St Margaret's Church and all enquiries to J.P. Springthorpe & Co., Funeral Directors. Casile Lodge, South Street. Ashby de la Zouch, telephone: (0530) 417310.

(0830) 417310.

RHIREAY - On January 17th, at the Marie Curie Hospice. Bentinck Road. Newcastle of Sunnybrae. Percy Terrace. Durham. Mary Anderson. dearly foved wife of the late. John Campbell Murray. Much loved by John. Roper and Karen. Service in St John's Church. Nevilles Cross. Durham. Tiesday. January 23rd 10.20 am. prior to cremation. Friends please meet at Church. Pamily flowers only. donations in lieu if so desired to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation. 1-3 Bentinck Terrace. Newcastle.

Family flowers only please.

A Memorial Service will be held at Gatchouse of Fleet at a later date. OLBY - On January 15th
1990, as a result of a trapic
accident, Hugh McCree, aged
75 years, much loved
husband of Anne and dear
father of Caroline and Guy,
greatly respected employer
of H.E. Olby & Co. Ltd.
Funeral Service at
Beckenham Cremalorium on
Monday January 29th at 2
pm. Flowers may be sent to
Haine & Son Ltd., 19 South
Street, Easthourpe, Sussex.

Sures, Eastbourne, Sussex.

POMPELL - On January 15th, suddenly at home in Bessels Green.

Constance Mai (Chris), much loved sister to Heather, greatly loved and sadly missed by all her lamily and friends. Private cremation, followed by a Memorial Service at St Bobot's Church, Chevening. on Friday January 26th at 12 (noon), Flowers, or donations to the British Heart Foundations. to W. Hodges & Ca. 57 Quakers Hall Lane.

Donations to R.N.L.I.

YOUNG On January 13th
1990. Sundenly but
peacefully at home. Dephne
Margaret (née Shallow). in
her 74th year. Dearly loved
wife of John. mother of
Richard and Michael, and
grandmother of Nalaie.
James. Mark. Nicola and
Samantha. Funeral Service
on January 24th at 9 m at
the Tunbridge Wells
Crematorium.
Flowers only. Donations. if
desired, to the British Heart
Foundation. c/o. Hyslop a
Son. So London Road.
Southborough. Tumbridge
Wells. Keni. TNd OPT. Southborough. Tumbr Wells. Kent, TN4 OPT.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FREELARD - James Courtay.
The Memorial Service will be held at St Bolosph's. Bishopsgate, on Thursday February 8th at 11 am.

ON THIS DAY

Although a clear case is made against the practice of plurality, John Walter II, now in full control of the paper, nos careful to avoid the possibility of a libel charge, such as that to which his father had fallen victim in 1789 at the hands of the Duke of York.

: PLURALITY OF OFFICES **SO GALLING**

We confess that we did think (for it was not exposure but prevention that was our sim), when we stated yesterday morning the personal disqualifications of General PHIPPS, that a common principle of decency, a modest compliance with public feeling, would have induced this Gentlemen to decline the laborious and responsible office of Paymaster of the Marines, being already General in the army, and a Colonel of the 60th Regiment of Foot. Our opinion, however, originating in the noble professions of disinterestedness, made last uses he rabble men in their made last year by public men in their ten behalf, has been, it appears, errossous; General PHIPPS having sheady at the time we wrote kissed hands, as appointed to his new situation. Oh! how galling these things are to a suffering people — to me place upon place, in this season of national danger, without pity or removes — produces, however, bids us

we will suppose the same, too, of her Ladyship's relatives; and this is, at least, an allowance of wonderful powers in these families; but why are they to have two or three places a

1810

Lord MULGRAVE himself is a General in the army, a Colonel of aregiment, Governor of Scarborough Castle, and now First Lord of the

The first brother of his Lordship is a Commissioner of Excise, a situation requiring incessant attention; but then he is also a Paymaster at Gibralter.

The second brother, as we have seen, though a General in the army and a

Her Ladyship has one brother-in-law, Colonel in the East India service; and the same Gentleman is Chairman of

the Victualling Board. Another is a Lord of the Admiralty; but he has, on retirement from this office, a pension of one thousand a

Mr MALING, the father of her Ladyship, was recently appointed to the difficult office of Commissioner of Excise; we apprehend be has likewise another situation in

Now, is it not cruel, after this statement, in the stern-hearted people of this kingdom, to access these disinterested creatures, our public men, of being selfish, grasping, and intent only upon private emolitment? Observe again, that we are allowing a wonderful extent of taken in the control of the cont to two families and their affinities, in supposing their Members thus gen-erally qualified for the discharge of public duty, it is the plurality of offices only that we quarrel with.
These things must be altered, or
England cannot long-resist the most

MYNORS - A Memorial Service for Str Roger Mynors, FBA. Honorary Fellow of Balliol and Corpus Christi Colleges, Oxford, and Christ Coteges, Oxford, that Honorary Fellow of Pembroke Cellege. Cambridge, will be held in the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, on Saturday, January 27 1990

IN MEMORIAM --PRIVATE

MAVERS - Timothy John MAYURS - Timothy John Kingsley, Always asive in my thoughts, you will be with me all the rest of my life. Your ever loving wife. Layatamaraya. SENOM - May Rose, January 19th 1985. Remembering my darling mother always. Mai Su. Cereout Layatamaraya.

WALSH - Dermot January 19th 1989. Sadiv missed by his loving sons Dermot, Rich-ard, John. Bernard, Simon.

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Kingsbury Road, London, NW9
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Any person claiming to he creditors of Leroco Limited who did not reody modice of the said meeting of creditors should immediately inform me Joint Administrators by contacting either Mr John Richards at Touche Ross. 63/37 High Holborn Loudon Walls at Touche Ross. 4 beer House Man at Touche Ross. Abber House Modiey Street, Manchester Mod 24 Twent all or any further information required will be provided. Attention to particularly drawn to the provisions of Section 27 of the Inselvancy Act 1986.

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sumed company will be held at
the offices of Leonard Cortix &
Co., situated at 30 Entitionare
Terrace (Second Floor) Lomion
W2 GLF on Thursday, the 1st day
of February 1990 at 12,00 thom
or the purposes provided for in
Sections 98 et sec.
A list of names and addresses of
the above Company's Creditors
can be inspected at the offices of
Leonard Cortix & Co., 30 Eastbourner Terrace. London, W2
GLF, between the hours of 10,00
am and 4.00 km on the two business days preceding the Meeting
of Creditors.
Dated 1220 day of January 1990
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IN THE MATTER OF
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Insolvency Practitioner of
MESSY. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30
Eastbourne Terrace. London W
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the above Company by the Members and Creditors on 4th January
1990.
Dated 4th day of January 1990
Peter Scholey Durn. FCA
Liquidator
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IN THE MATTER OF SERVAL CONSTRUCTION LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF

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IN THE MATTER OF PERSON'S LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF PERSON'S LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE RESOLVENCY AUT 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN THE Creditors of the above permed Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 20th day of Petrusty 1990. In sead in their full forenames and surmann. In particular, of the sead surmann. In particular, of the conduction of the conduc

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selected IN THE MATTER OF BELLWEDGE LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF BELLWEDGE LIMITED AND IN THE INSCLUENCY ACT 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY CAVEN that L Peter John Robertson Souther, of Baker They, Commonwealth House. I New Carbord Street, London, WC1A 1PF was appointed Liguidation of the said Company on the 28th London, WC1A 1PF was appointed Liguidation of the said Company on the 28th London, WC1A 1PF was appointed Liguidation of the said Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the Sist day of January 1990, to send in their hill forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full perfections of their debts or claims and the passes and adversance, their addresses of their debts or claims and the passes and adversance of their debts or claims and the passes and adversance of their debts or claims and the passes and adversance of their debts or claims and such adversars. The Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts are provided for the debts are provided to claim the sentil of any distribution made before such debts are provided the partly formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

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In Computery Liquidation
I Brian Whincup, of Moores
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that I have been appointed Liquidalor of the above company by
the Secretary of State under the
provisions of Section 1.57 of the
inspirement Act 1986 with effect
from 27m October 1989.
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all debts due to the company must
be paid to me.
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AS LIQUIDATIOR OF
Guardian Properties
(Commercial Limited)

IN THE MATTER OF SABI DESIGNS LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 in accordance wins Rule 4,106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I. Kelm David Goodnan, FCA. a Licenced Insolvency

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Messrs, Leonard Curtis & Co., 30
Messrs, Leonard Curtis & Co.
Catherina Cartis & Co.
Chartered Accountable
P.O., Box 553
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London W2 GLF

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pursuant to Section 98 of the insolvency ACL, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above
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the offices of all Sale Eacheure
Terrace (Second Floor) London
W2 6LF on Friday, the 26th day
of Jenuary 1990 at 10.00 am for
the purposes provided for in Sections 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of
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days preceding the Meeting of
Creditors.
Daned 11 In day of January 1990
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Director

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THE ARTS

Cramming it all in

TELEVISION

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In the week of the UN Security Council meetings on Cambodia, ITV's This Week went back last night to the killing fields with two good stories, neither of which it quite had the time to tell. A decade ago, it was a *This Week* team with the reporter Julian Manyon which first revealed the full horror of the Khmer Rouge massacres, and it was that team which helped Var Hong to escape to England and start a new life with her second husband, the aid worker Robert Ashe, whom she first met in a Cambodian refugee centre.

Ten years on, Manyon's team took her back to Cambodia to search successfully for her blind mother and to verify the details of her first husband's murder by the Khmer Rouge. That alone would have made a compelling 30-minute documentary, but the programme also wanted to deal with the new threat of a regrouped Khmer e, who are once again on the brink of power.

For this reason, it failed to explain some crucial details of precisely how Var found her nother. Nor did it make clear what in the Cambodian national character allows its people to give the certifiably insane Pol Pot not one, but two, chances to murder the entire population.

If ever there was a case for a rter, or maybe even a spinoff series, it was surely here.

Earlier in the day, Press Gang came back to mid-afternoon Central network ITV for a second series: having altogether missed the first, and expecting a con-ventional teenage serial about a school newspaper, I was uned for the remarkably high level of writing and playing, one which would not have disgraced Lou Grant.

Meanwhile, over on 40 Minutes (BBC 2) Frank Cvitanovich had another fly-on-the-wall documentary, this one about Mr and Mrs Roy Suckling, who run their own airline out of Cambridge, having been banned from Ipswich Airport for making a nasty mess of the grass runway. They do all their own in-flight cooking and vacuumclean the plane twice daily. It was all very reassuring and English. If you have to make business trips to Amsterdam, better, perhaps, to be looked after by a pilot and stewardess who also own the

John Russell Taylor on the miserable life and surprisingly affirmative work of Arshile Gorky, Armenia's most well known artist

Hot-line to the subconscious

topicality about the major exhibition devoted to Arshile Gorky at the Whitechapel Art Gallery until March 25: Armenia is unfortunately very much in the news these days, and Gorky is undeniably the

most famous of all Armenian artists. Being Armenian is not, of course, the thing he is most famous for; he is (correctly) remembered as one of the leading figures of New York Abstract Expressionism, and he did leave Armenia (the part which is now in Turkey) at the age of 16, shedding along the way his unmistakably Armenian name, Vosdanik Adoian, in favour of a noncommittal pseudonym which led many to suppose, if they considered the matter at all, that he was simply Russian.

Many accepted terms of art history are strangely inapposite if one considers their root meaning. But the term "Abstract Expressionism" is peculiarly appropriate to Gorky, indicating both the nonfigurative surface of most of his work and the turbulent emotions which underlie it.

Gorky's life was in fact fairly miserable, from its early days in Armenia under almost continuous persecution (his mother died of starvation in his arms in 1919) right through to its gloomy end when finally, desperately ill from cancer, coping with a failed marriage and having his painting arm incapacitated through a car accident, he took his own life in 1948, at the age of 44.

Given all this, it seems curious that the emotions informing Gorky's work, though certainly turbulent, are seldom if ever negative and depressing. In fact, often in his later work the British viewer may be reminded of a very different artist, Ceri Richards, especially the symbolic, semiabstract compositions. This is largely because of the shapes which inhabit Gorky's paintings, rounded and voluptuous, suggesting hearts and birds and

At the present hour the real

Caucasus needs a judge far wiser

than Brecht's Azdak to settle its

ownership disputes. Azdak had no

more than the welfare of a Governor's child to consider, not

an enclave of half a million

Armenians, but even he cannily

The options in drama are

always easier, but since Brecht's

political analogy looks decidedly

flimsy in the light of contem-

porary events, Mark Pattenden's

production for the National

Youth Music Theatre wisely omits

the play's prologue. Gone are

Brecht's rival factions arguing

over the future of their Caucasus

valley; the focus is kept within

left town after giving judgment.

through the green fuse drives the flower. In the present show, which runs from

some of the earliest known works, like the "Landscape" of 1927-28, to some of the very last, we can begin to see where these characteristic shapes came from. Gorky's career would seem as perfectly consistent in its progression from representation to abstraction as that of Kandinsky, grad-. ually generalizing and eliminating detail until all figurative reference vanishes altogether. It would, if it were not for a curious interlude in the mid-Thirties when Gorky seems for the moment to have fallen under the spell of Picasso and to be replacing the graceful, rounded forms and soft, delicate colours of his early portraits, landscapes and still-lifes with spiky formalizations, combining a variety of viewpoints, and abrupt colour contrasts.

However, this phase is temporary and never total: alongside the Picasso-like works he continues to paint in his early style right up until, around 1942, he arrives at the mature synthesis. Most of the later, abstract works have elaborate and fanciful titles, such as "Hugging, Good Hope Road", "Landscape Table", "The Betrothal" and "The Plough and the

Using such clues as they afford, one may guess that this shape is a human figure, that is an horizon, the other is a tree or a vase of flowers. But they remain only es, useful if they point the way to the buried emotion, distracting if they turn each picture into a puzzle.

To appreciate Gorky one has to keep one's imagination on a loose rein, staying open to the slightest flicker/flutter of suggestion and never trying to tie things down too firmly to literal interpretation. Armenian commentators have clarified a lot by referring us to the Armenian illuminations he knew as a child, the resources of Armenian folklore and so on.

flames and waves, and the force that But finally the work has to make it on its

This is where Gorky asserts himself as a master of 20th-century painting he does not so much refer to myths as make myths, and few artists have ever seemed to have a more effective hot-line to some kind of Jungian collective unconscious, where these shapes speak directly to us, and move us, even if we would be hard put to it to say why and how.

orky's is obviously a very effective way of abstracting from the reality of a figure or a landscape. Fortunately it is not the only way, as a number of artists currently working in Britain, and currently on show in London, will rapidly convince us. Take John Virtue, for instance, who is showing ten new works at the Lisson Gallery until February 10. His work sometimes seems like a crazy fusion of Rowland Hilder and Andy Warhol. What he does to begin with is paint, in black and white, dozens of small panels of uniform size depicting in a traditional English-pantheist style various corners of the Lancashire village where he lives.

He would hardly be showing in such a bastion of the avant-garde as the Lisson Gallery if that were all he did. He then combines them into very large compartmental compositions, so that similar views become almost like a Warhol serial work - or an old-fashioned Polyphoto contact sheet, if you prefer. The large compositions in this show are further unified by having black or white paint dribbled over them, and other elements added which cross the boundaries from one unit to another. The results are extraordinary: one is constantly aware of the tug between the urge to move in closer and decipher the individual sections and the urge to stand back and take in the whole as one richly textured abstract.



"Woman's head (portrait of Akabi)", circa 1936, one of Gorky's few figurative works

Jeremy Kingston

The Caucasian Chalk Circle Sadler's Wells

narrower family bounds: the tabloids would headline it as "Missing Heir in Tug-of-Love Heart-

In a production first seen at last year's Edinburgh Festival, the young company are signally better at singing, their speciality, than acting. The musicians also give good value, although nothing in Stephen Warbeck's score equals the fascinating opening moments when Zi Lan Liao, a student from Liverpool, gives a swirling solo on her cheng. This exotic instrument can be described as a harp stretched into an oblong and laid flat on a board curved like an upturned miniature punt. She sweeps her fingers over the strings as though rippling the surface of a cattle trough, and high clear notes come twinkling from it.

The songs in the show are plainer stuff, chants set to march rhythms with a little syncopation

as ornament, and the lost opportunity for another cheng display is a pity. But the singing is strong and articulate, whether delivered by the chorus standing in a bold proletarian line facing the audience or by a single singer, notably Byron Calmonson's Azdak, giving ironic point to his songs of abasement.

Unfortunately, the complexity of Azdak's character is seriously diminished by cutting, and elsewhere the scenes that hold most interest in this uneven production are those that demonstrate the simplest emotions: Mart Banks personifying the honest soldier, Jude Law a hennecked male. bobbing his head as he attempts to ingratiate himself with all parties. Naoko Mori offers the proper look of dogged goodness as Grusha but until her passionate downstage outbursts at the trial is often hard to understand.

Far too many of the performers seem daunted by the size of the theatre and have not been shown how to raise the voice without squawking, and this suggests that a more appropriate choice of show for the company would contain more songs and nothing like this

No doubt about it, Elizabeth Quinn is an astonishing person. Throughout her 41 years she has been profoundly deaf, and for most of them she has been mute. She

taught herself to speak only after winning a major acting award for Children of a Lesser God, in which she communicated only with her hands. Later, in 1984, she played an incoherent stroke victim in a forgettable West End play, Fighting Chance; but the rest, until now, has been silence. Until now. Last night she launched into mainstream acting

with a vengeance, tackling a role that has taxed, stretched and to some extent einded such actresses as Glenda Jackson, Maggie Smith and Janet Suzman. Indeed, "mainstream" is too placid a metaphor under the circumstances. Imagine a fresh, if promising, swimmer attempting to make it from Dover to Calais and back again in choppy seas, and you can see the challenge Quinn has set herself.

Ibsen's Hedda Gabler, balefully mouldering in a drab world and an

Astonishing smile of bravery THEATHE Benedict Nightingale

> Hedda Gabler King's Head

even duller marriage, næst be one of the hardest of all characters to embody. She is variously fine, cruel, idealistic, petty-minded, fastidious, proud, witty, weak, strong, conventional, unconventional, and much more besides. Jackson was too grim, Smith too wry and, as I recall, Suzman too

Quinn looks radiant, even dazzling, as she stalks the stage smiling her big white smile. No wonder Timothy Bentinck's Tesman is so abjectly besotted with her. But there is no denying she is in variety. Moreover, she expects that smile to express more than one smile could ever reasonably do: exasperation, defiance, amuse-

In so far as there is an everali interpretation, it is that, as Hedda says, she is horribly bored. Hence Quina's rangy pacings, her irritated way with the sofa cushion, and the frustration she gently projects when confronted with her dreary busband and his pushy aunt, But of Hedda's desperation for power, of her fascination with destruction, and of other such dark matters, Quinn has nothing to tell.

The rest of Rena Down's production, crammed on to a stage rather too short and shallow for a full set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, is uneven. Richard O'Callaghan, more Babychana drinker than rouring boy, seems miscast as that small-town Dionysus, Lovborg; but Bentinck is as comically true a Tesman as I have seen - a rumpled, genial innocent confronted with emotional cliffs compass, and wonderfully unaware, not just of his deficiencies. but of the very existence of such geography.

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Beriomania is over, but surely not for long. Wednesday night's clos-ing concert left us looking keenly forward to his next visit to London, if only so that Richard Luce can learn how to pronounce his name. the arts minister was there to present him with the *Evening* present him with the Erezing Standard Opera Award, in a ceremony that provided an inter-lade of pantomine between the two towering works on the official

We began with Passaggio (1961-2), Berio's first encounter with his principal writer-collaborator (scarcely librettist) Edoardo Sangnineti, and also his first operatic venture. The work is a short monodrama for soprano, like Schoenberg's Erwartung, except that here the soloist is the victim

and theatrical tradition, by history, and most dramatically by the actors and singers. the folly of their antagonism by voicing it for them. But because the

planted several groups of truculent In the early Sixties, this perhaps seemed a neat way of provoking the public: showing up

interventions are meticulously crafted (requiring two conductors

Teenagers' night out

Richard Morrison

LMP/Parrott Queen Elizabeth Hall

Bold thoughts here from the traditionalist management of the London Mozart Players: a programme of music written entirely by teenagers. Admittedly, having Schubert, Mendelssohn, Mozart and Bizet as the chosen youths hardly constituted an act of recklessness, but it did concentrate the mind on the nature of youthful

In composition and performance, the prime virtue of the child genius is usually that of an instinctive creative impulse, uncomplicated by guile, by doubts, by ambiguity, by tragedy - in short, by adulthood. There are musicians who never experience anything more powerful than their instincts as children. It seems hard on Mendelssohn, for instance, to say that he peaked at 17; nevertheless, as the burden of being Queen Victoria's favourite oratorio composer closed in on him, he never recaptured that artless, perfect insouciance of his Midsummer

Night's Dream overture. But symphonic music feeds on adult ambiguities: in general it is a combative, argumentative, questing sort of art-form. Listening on Wednesday night to Bizet's Symphony in C, one could revel in the brilliant imagination which was revealed - the curling chromatic oboe-tunes which seem to lead straight to the Carmen Habanera; the crazy drones and modal melodies of the Scherzo - and yet lament the lack of experience which permitted this raw inspira-

tion to stay raw. Or, in the cases of Mozart's Symphony No 27 and Schubert's Symphony No 2, one heard a massive surging of youthful energy bouncing against the dictates of outmoded styles or forms: voices of undeniable genius, temporarily detained by the constraints of tired conventions.

With this array of teenage exuberance, Andrew Parrott made his London début as Associate Conductor of the LMP - and it was exactly that quality of tireless dash which he emphasized, especially with a marvellously gutsy whisk through the Mendelssohn overture. With its bubbling accentuation and remarkable pace, this interpretation was far more a prelude to impish trickery than the usual soporific introduction to some enchanted evening.

There were minor accidents later in the evening: the speed at which Parrott scorched through Bizet, in particular, placed a strain on the intonation of the LMP fiddles. But blemishes are allowed in performances of this spirit and vigour. Parrott's all-round musicianship has too long been obscured (at least in London) by his particular skills in researching and performing Baroque music. He is probably never inert for long enough to make a good Bruckner conductor, but the rest of the 19th century awaits him.

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Thus, Passaggio can be seen as an early essay in the musical inclusion of speech that Berio went on to accomplish in most of his later vocal works, including not Coro, the slowly turning of ravishing vocal-inworld of strumental textures that closed

Passaggio also contains the seeds of so much else. There is the black sound of a predominantly wind and percussion orchestra, looking forward to Laborintus II and even to parts of Ofanim, which st count as the major discovery of this festival.

And besides this there is the theatrical irony, so that the entire play is a play within a play, as in the full-scale opera, Un re in ascolto, for which the composer was receiving his award.

This partly staged performance was dominated by Luisa Castellani as the nameless heroine, at first a bit frail but then using her fragility and naturalness to help make the point. The BBC Singers and Symphony Orchestra provided the sonic decor, bleak but beautiful in a way only Berio could manage, and students from the Guildhall School were excellent as the whisperers and londer opponents.

There can have been few other dissenters in the hall.

Passionate and pure

Stephen Pettitt

Tallis Scholars/Phillips St John's, Smith Square

The eight cool, pure voices which on Tuesday made up the Tallis Scholars were doing more than merely giving a concert. They were also consolidating an important evolution in taste which happened in the Eighties. It is due largely to their work, inspired by the passionate commitment of their director, Peter Phillips, over the past decade, that so many are able to find emotional and spiritual reward in Renaissance music

This programme of late 15thcentury north European polyphony moreover illustrated an often ignored fact, that composers of the age showed personal characteristics in their music in much the same way as, say, Haydn and Mozart. It began with Johannes Regis's Salve sponsa, an apparath. ently typically ornate work full of complex rhythms and markedly variegated strands which spoke strongly of a medieval influence, of sheer imposing magnificence. Yet it still had an element of something deeply personal in it, as did Antoine Brumel's similarly rhythmically jagged but tauter Magnificat, a piece graced with

constantly changing voicecombinations which nevertheless works towards a feeling of climax. Both works the Tallis Scholars attacked with the right blend of vigour and sensitivity, achieving an exquisite balance.

With Jacob Obrecht's Ave regina caelorum, scored for lower voices only, we entered a different world. Here the emphasis is not so much on rhythm as on sonority and gracefully shaped melody. It was given with what one can only describe as a gentle voluptuous-ness. Jean Mouton's Ave fuit prima salus, on the other hand, is a piece of greater urgency, with a more tenable sense of onward development within the framework of a similar basic set of ground rules.

The same composer's Nesciens mater takes contrapuntal severity, you might think, to its limits; it is a rigidly structured, complex canon in eight parts. In fact it is also a highly emotional yet placid asso a migniy emotional yet placid masterpiece, shaped and paced quite beautifully by these singers. It is more difficult to mould into a satisfactory whole the complex sequence of movements, short and long, ethereal and dark, which make up Pierre de la Rue's Missa pro defunctis. This, too, the Tallie pro defunctis. This, too, the Tallis Scholars managed, not least by creating an atmosphere of rapt spirituality.



THE ARTS/ROCK

Steve Turner examines the influence of Anthony Burgess's novel, A Clockwork Orange, on pop musicians

A hanging note of discord

nthony Burgess is feel-ing a malenky bit poogly about hearing the music for the stage version of his 1962 novel A Clockwork Orange. "I'm a bit scared of if because my original intention was to use the music of Boethoven." be says. "It was appropriate because that was the music the horo Alex likes. He rather despises

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Alex is the teenage thug of Burgess's future world who is thrilled by acts of violence and who is in turn "cured" of his evil through aversion therapy. The "other stuff" he despises is rock music. In the case of the new RSC production, directed by Ron Daniels, the music has been composed by Bono and The Edge, of the group U2.

Burgess doesn't find "a great deal" in rock music. He says it is not big enough for him, an opinion he attributes to his musicianship rather than to his 72 years. But, unfortunately for him, because of A Clockwork Orange he has for 25 years attracted the attention of rock musicians.

There have been groups which bave wanted to stage rock operas hased on the book, groups which have named themselves after the book or characters in it (the Oroogs, Heaven 17) and groups, like the Addicts from Ipswich, whose image of white boiler suits tucked into large boots and black bowler hats, was based on the

In creating Alex, the anti-social teenager whose Anglo-Russian slang nadsat distances him from the adult world and whose only moments of joy come through loud music, impersonal sex, drugs and violence, Burgess thought he was portraying a nightmare of evil. But in the changing moral climate of the Sixties, Alex and his droogs began to look more like heroes to a generation who were becoming less respectful of authority and more fascinated by the "cheap



The Rolling Stones: hip Sixties malchicks looking for a bad image

thrills" which authorities sought

To Andrew Loog Oldham — in 1964 the youthful manager of the Rolling Stones — A Clockwork Orange embodied the aggressive and anti-social attitude he wanted to foster as an image for his group. "The Rolling Stones," he had boasted on the cover of their debut album, "are more than just a group - they are a way of life." Along with Mick Jagger, Keith

Richards and a driver called Reg the Butcher, who had been hired to exert muscle, he started living out the droogish fantasy. "We went through the whole Clock-work Orange thing together," Richards later said.

Oldham even planned to pur-chase the film rights and use A Clockwork Orange as the Rolling Stones' bad boy response to the Beatles' A Hard Day's Night. "The time wasn't right though," says Burgess. "We were not ready for undity and rape on the screen. For the group's second album,

Oldham composed a lengthy sleeve note written in imitation nadsat, referring to himself and the Stones as "six hip malchicks" and urging the penniless record shop browser to find a blind man, "knock him on the head, steal his wallet and low and behold you have the loot if you put in the boot, good, another one sold!" This passage was later removed

by the record company after protests from organizations for the blind and a complaint from a member of the House of Lords to the Director of Public Prosecutions, calling it "a deliberate incitement to criminal action". The film of A Clockwork Or-

ange, eventually made by Stanley Kubrick in 1971, contained no



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U2's Bono and The Edge: a different perspective, against aimlessness

rock stars and no rock music. The soundtrack was mostly Beethoven, Purcell and Rossini, some of it adapted for synthesizer. But, with its images of high-rise urban desolation and its evocation of a futuristic youth culture, it had a unique appeal to rock fans.

David Bowie, then writing The

Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars, was among the first to be affected. dressing in a modified droog costume and coming on stage to the synthesized sounds of Beethoven's Ninth, Alex's favourite piece of music.

In the mid-Eighties the film only available in Britain on pirate videos - inspired a youth cult centred on UK Today, a fashion stall in Kensington Market where the bowler hats, brollies, steel braces and designer cod pieces on sale were all based on the Clockwork Orange uniform.

of the leaders, as a reaction to deteriorating values. The aim was to promote "self-respect and selfpride rather than self-destruction" and the adoption of the droog costume was meant to be subversive. "We wanted to show that you could be firm and strong without being violent and perverse." Among the stall's customers, the

controversial EMI band Signe

The cult was organized, says one

droogish musicians so far to become identified with A Clockwork Orange. Passionately against



Signe Signe Sputnik: aggressively promoting violence and mayhem

Sigue Sputnik actively promoted the image of menace and mayhem. They used the Clockwork Orange soundtrack to whip their audience into what they called 'a violent state", used the film as a reference point in both their songs and promotion, and opened their debut sincle with a shout of "ultraviolence! ultra-violence!".

But it was the punks of the mid-Seventies who came closest to living out the nightmare of A Clockwork Orange. Johnny Rot-ten and Sid Vicious of the Sex Pistols, with their love of spitting at "pathetic" people, their dismissal of love and their celebration of aimlessness, appeared to have been modelled on Alex and his sidekick Dim.

It disturbed Burgess that A Clockwork Orange has largely been misunderstood; that it has been taken up as a model for stylish loutishness rather than as a warning about the nature of good and evil and the responsibility on us to choose which we follow.

"Without being pretentious, it is what I would call a theological book, in that it posits that you have to have evil if you are going to have good. If you only have one, there is no choice.," he said. Bono and The Edge are the least

pursuit of his project. "I don't like the book all that much," he says. "Unfortunately it has pursued me for the past 30 years and goes on pursuing me. I hope that with this production I might be free of it."

violence and drug abuse; con-

cerned by spiritual poverty, un-

they would no doubt spend hours

talking with Alex but would never

morality tale about the effect of starving the young of creative options, coincides with the au-

thor's intended message. Their

reference point for the droogs has

been the crack-dealing gangs and urban hip-hop culture of Los

Angeles. Burgess's was the Teddy

Boys and rockers of the late

Fifties, whom he saw in Soho coffee bars. "I saw fairly clearly at that time," he says, "that the future was going to be plagued by a

great deal of youthful energy that

was not being trained in the

direction of knowledge or creation

and hence had to give itself over to

a way of putting a cap on rock's

The RSC production he sees as

Yet, oddly enough, because of their Christian compassion, their view of A Clockwork Orange as a

employment and aimless

don bowlers and boots.

A Clockwork Orange previews are from next Friday and it opens on February 6 at the Barbican Theatre

Adrian Dannatt reports on the French Government's efforts to promote local rock

Mitterrand's most mocked cultural initiatives — the appointment last May of 27-year-old Brano Lion as Junior Minister for Rock and Popular Music — has finally borne fruit. The French are now watching, either with annasement or bemusement, the first tangible signs of their government's new commitment to "Le Rock": a state-funded scheme which means, have at last been given the opportu-

nity to do their best, or their worst. Les Thugs are one of 15 rock oups which have battled to the final of the "Fonds d'Action et d'Initiative Rock". The 15 have been chosen by a panel of experts to represent the best of the new Gallic rock 'n' roll. As the selected stars for 1990, they are being given concerts throughout the year, plus management consultancy, media guidance, cash assistance of between 20,000 and 40,000 francs

(£2,000-£4,000) and free publicity.

Jack Lang, the publicity-conscious French Minister of Culture, has always been concerned about pop culture. Traditionally-minded

Power to the people

(that is, transitionally kenophobic)
Frenchmen have long felt that the
tide of American populism is
destroying Gallic tradition and
language for the sake of MidAtlantic Attitude. The only problem is that France has a pitifully weenie rock tradition. First of all on the amount of foreign music allowed on the radio - a hopeless idea, even though a similar decree does effectively limit the amount of American TV shown in France.

Unable to keep the Englishspeaking rock groups out, Lang set up a rock section for his Ministry of Culture, appointing Lion as "Monsieur Rock" to boost the French industry and give official recognition to rock as a worldwide entertainment business rather than some anti-social activity. The idea of a Minister for Rock may seem langhable, but no more so than the pretence that the marketing career of Bon Jovi, or the multi-million industry based



Le minister de Rock: Bruno Lion

around Dire Straits, is some sort of teenage snarl. The landable aims of the enterprise, to raise local and international awareness of French popular music, and possibly also to ierate a few genuine contenders generate a lew genuine contenders for the international rock arena, are somewhat deflated, however, by a glance at its first initiative. Out of a short list of 700, whittled down to 300, the chosen 15 bands read like a pastiche of every joke ever made about French rock: an 'Allo 'Allo of anral culture. Beside Les Thugs, one has to contend with the chilling embarrassment of groups called Susan and the Visitors, Les Roadrunners and though it taxes credulity - something called Dominic Sonic, a name surely brewed up by the team responsible for Spinal Tap.

There is also the incidental pleasure of discovering that Johan Asherton, founder of Les Froggies (doubtless you recall 1985's classic, "Get Frogg'd"?) has been tipped for the top.

Other Ministry schemes, such as the creation of new concert halls, alternative magazines and TV programmes, may well do their bit to lift the spirit of the French pop industry. Yet it is hard to believe that anything can over-come the power of the Englishsinging market. Or at least not until there is a Minister for the suppression of things called Domi-

BOOK REVIEW David Toop

There was a time, not so long ago. when it was possible to pretend that popular music did not exist. Now its sounds, images and gossip are so ubiquitous that they form a subliminal chatter which speaks to us whether we like it or not.

The discourse of pop and rock has grown accordingly. Academic books have made a small but significant contribution to this Babel of noise since the early Seventies and the most consistent voice from the academic sector has belonged to Simon Frith, As editor of a new collection of essays which fall, broadly speaking, into the category of rock sociology, Frith admits that, "rock critics despise rock academics, rock musicians despise rock critics, rock fans despise each other".

What is clear from Facing the Music is that a meaningful interpretation of rock music emerges only through a complementary reading of all these warring factions. Rock fans lack objectivity, rock musicians lack humility and

Praise be to hype importance in the larger picture of perspective, rock critics lack

intellectual rigour and academics lack musical knowledge. The essential thesis of the five essays collected in Facing the

Music is that those notions central to the mythology of rock and pop - freedom, rebellion, youth and authenticity - have been dis-placed or were fictitious from the outset. Mary Harron argues that hype has been a necessary and acceptable component of rock. even during its most rebellious phases. She demonstrates that Sixties hippy rockers, the source of many tenacious sub-texts of the rock-and-roll lifestyle, were pe-culiarly blind to their intimate relationship with the forces they sought to overthrow.

A gradual dissolution of this mythology has led to a sustained chorus of regret on the subject of rock's decline. Frith, in particular, is able to nail down the causes of an intuitively perceived malaise by showing that the structure of the music industry, along with its entertainment media, has irrevocably changed. His contrasting models of an

outmoded career pyramid - from pub gigs to superstar - as against the new talent pool of a mainstream core picking off potential international packaging fodder from a floating outer ring of new ideas, is not completely convinc ing however, it does account for the sensation that the excitements of popular music are increasingly rare and marginal, as the mainstream becomes an expression of corporate marketing.

If there is a weakness in these essays, it is the avoidance of music as sound. Music criticism is intensely problematic by comparison with social histories, demographic analysis and the critique of hair cuts and trouser widths, but the pessimism that settles on the reader by the conclusion of the book is incomplete without it. Facing the Music, edited by Simon

Frith, published by Mandarin, £4.50.

ALBUMS

David Sinclair

Jungle Brothers: Done by the Forces of Nature (Warner Bros 26072-1)

After the recent wave of overhyped, murderously up-tight West Coast gangster rap, what a pleasure it is to lock in to the kinder perspectives of Harlem's Jungle Brothers. Like De La Soul, with whom they are constantly bracketed and who feature here on the track "Doin' our own Dang", Jungie Brothers have broadened the emotional scope of rap to include warmth, humanity, humour and variety, but without betraying the propulsive rhythmic minimalism and proud black attitude that lies at the music's (hard) core. Funky but friendly is the watchword here. The beats are grainy, old-

fashioned affairs. On "Acknowledge Your Own History", a persuasive assertion of the need to maintain a black cultural identity within a predominantly white society, no attempt has been made to disguise the crackles and scratches on the record from which the rhythm track has originally been sampled.

The title song is an eco-rap that hymns the wonders of hot, baked carrot cake along with "Rainbows, volcanoes, waterfalls, native calls/ Avalanches, tree with branches/

Friendly beats from the jungle

B.boys in their favourite stances". The jungle motif provides a constant strong thematic link between the African motherland and the modern American urban sprawl. "All decked out in my riger-skinned suit/Hair braided up and my Jungle Brother boots/ Hopped on the vine and swung through the city/Today's ya day

said the neighbourhood gypsy.' Although the album does not boast the melodic ingenuity which distinguishes De La Soul's work, and is therefore unlikely to furnish the same flush of hit singles, it is informed throughout by a distinctive joie de vivre that quickly works its way under the skin. Best of all is the infectious good humour of "Feelin' Alright" surreal, feel-good narrative hooked up to an irresistible tug-atthe elbow heat in a combination so sharp and sprightly that it never fails to lift the spirits.

Warren Zevon: Transverse (Virgin America VUSLP 9)

Despite his rather bookish air and smaller-than-life persona, Warren Zevon is blessed with a characterfully deep, hunky voice and a knack for writing the kind of muscular, rootsy tunes, which in the hands of a more aggressive performer like John Cougar



Jungle Brothers: rapping with warmth, humanity, humour and variety

Mellencamp, might well have formed the basis for a multimillion dollar career. This ambitious but disappointing collection finds him bogged down with a vaguely futuristic, greenish-hued, concept album that lacks the memorable brooding drama of Boom Boom Santini" or the wry, personal touches of "Detox Mansion". Transverse City is rather like a laid back, West Coast version of Lou Reed's New York, where instead of huddling on the brink of extinction on the Dirty Boutvd the characters are to be found furning in traffic jams ("Gridlock") or suffering souldestroying shopping experiences

Not enough of the songs hit the emotional mark. Zevon needs to readjust his sights to something closer to his heart.

(Situation Two SITU 27)

A couple of weeks ago I received a white label copy of Loop's album which comprises two 12-inch discs designed to be played at 45-rpm. In the absence of any instructions I listened to the whole masterwork at 33-and-a-third, and while my notes were peppered with words like "mordant", "glum" and "grisly sound" it did not occur to me to change the speed.

I am happy to report that it

Loop: A Gilded Eternity

sounds better at 45-rpm, but must

(0222 396421). Tomorrow, 8pm, £2 (Students only). University of Surrey, Guildford

RED LORRY YELLOW LORRY: Last September's Blow found the Lornes adding some surprisingly tuneful colourings to their mournful, clumpy Goth-rock sound, but their live show remains an over-driven rumpus. Marquee, 105 Charing Cross Rd, London WC2 (01-437 6503).

LTT: Three women who have & play aggressive noise games.

regretfully conclude that Loop's penchant for utterly formless arrangements of endlessly repeated, grungy guitar riffs, battened down by a clanky overloaded bass and coloured by the merest hint of an airy vocal wafting by in the distance is essentially a load of artful hogwash.

Cat Stevens: The Very Best of Cat Stevens (Island 840 148-2)

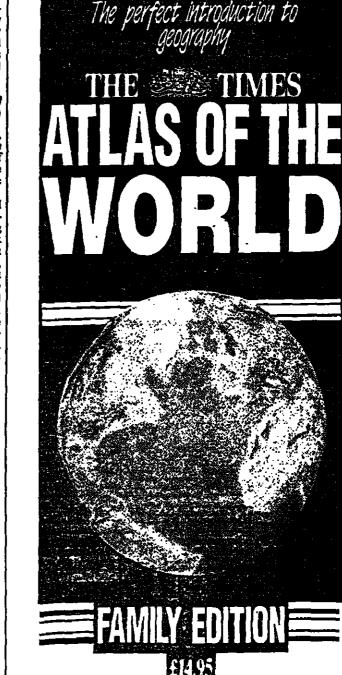
Despite a sizeable tally of hits including a US No 1 album (Catch Bull at Four) Cat Stevens is one of those lapsed performers whose trail seems to have become covered over very swiftly.

The bedsit balladeer turned Muslim fundamentalist undoubtedly had a commanding timbre to his voice and a knack with a sentimental lyric and a folksy melody. This collection which focuses primarily on his his singles, includes "Lady D'Arbanville", "Manhew and Son", "Moonshadow", "Wild World" and his version of "The First Cut is the Deepest", better known by other artists, but arguably the only standard which he

Presumably the glaring absence "I'm Gonna get me a Gun" (No 6 in 1967) reflects sensitivity to Stevens's somewhat reckless public endorsement of Ayatollah Khomeini's fatwa against Salman

Coming out of New York's New Wave scene The Falcon, London NW1. (01-485-3834). Tomorrow, 8pm, £3.00. THE MYSTERY GIRLS: This band, who are not girls and have yet to receive any recognition, were playing at being the New York Dolls with backing tapes five years ago. Now they seem to be going for an excitable R & B sound. The Greyhound, London W6. (01-385-0256). Tomorrow, 8pm, £5. CARTER THE UNSTOPPABLE SEX MACHINE: Oddy named, these two boys are quintessentially British indie popsters. Dead pan, cynical and socially concerned. Princess Chartotte, Leicester.

(0533-553-956). Tomorrow, 8pm, \$2.50.



WEEKEND GIGS Compiled by David Toop, Rose Rouse and David Sincleir JAH WOBBLE: The reggeoinfluenced beas preying of Jah Wobble was one of the most

striding aspects of Public Image Limited, the group formed by John Lydon after the collapse of the Sax istols. Since then, Wooble has wobbled from one vertant of post-punk, iezz-rock-fusion, world music to another. Marquee, 105 Charing Cross Rd, London WC2 (01-437 6803).

SHE ROCKERS: This female duo

beganiony of British rap but they

Miped to break the male

have tended to suffer a credibility problem thanks to their uneasy balance of commercial pop and hard-cors hip-hop. The Fridge, Brixton Hill, London SW2 (01-326 5100). Tomorrow, 10pm, £6.

ORZ7: A new group led by Larry Stabbins, who will be tamillar to those unfamiliar with jazz as one half of the driving force behind Working Week. Stabbins may be one of the best tenor sexophonists in the country, but this has never prevented him from working in Some very accessible settings. Dingwalls, Camden Lock, London, NW1 (01-267 4967). Sunday, 1pm.

HAVANA SAM: Bass player Paul Simonon is the last member of the

his own project. His new group has been whipping up a storm on tour with Big Audio Dynamite, and is apparently something of a postpunk/Latin hybrid. Borderline, Orange Yard, off Manette St, London WC2 (01-497 2261). Tuesday and Wednesday,

Clash to come out of the traps with

("Down in the Mall").

ENERGY ORCHARD: Blue-collar Bettast rock band with serious intentions. Primary influence is stated to be Van Morrison, but they sound at times more like a certicroots version of U2. Début single "Belfast" released this week. Bristol Polytechnic, Coldharbour Lane (0272 656261). Tonight, Spm. Cardiff University, Park Place

(0483 571281). Sunday, 8pm, free (Students only) University of Kent, Rutherford College, Canterbury (0227 765224). Monday, 8.30pm, £2.

Tomorrow, 7pm, 25.

black sense of humour, who like to

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🖬 BACK TO THE FUTURE II (PG): Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd zip to-and-fro through the time ectrum; directed by Robert Zemeckis

spectrum; overside by Probert Zernecks (106 mm). Cannon Beiker Street (01-935 9772). Props 2:10, 5:25, 8:10. Empire 01-437 1234). Props 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 8:45. Late Fri, Sat 1:15. Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 1.40, 4.10, 6.40, 9.10.

THE COOK, THE THEF, HIS WIFE & HER LOVER (18): Peter Greenaway's bold tale of love, revenge and haute cuisane. With Richard Bohringer (the cook), Michael Gambon (the thief). en Mirren (the wife) and Alan Howard (her lover) (120 min). Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.00. Renote (01-837 8402). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.40.

■ DEAD POETS SOCIETY (PG): Robin Williams as an English teacher who instills in his pupils a dangerous love of poetry (128 min). Cannon Chelses (01-352 5096). Progs Cannon Cheises (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 6.25, 9.15. Cannon Penton St (01-930 0631). Progs 1.45, 4.20, 7.05, 9.45. Odson Kensington (01-602 5193). Progs 11.45, 2.35, 5.30, 8.30. Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 2.55, 5.50, 8.30.

LAST EXIT TO BROOKLYN (18): Raw, powerful version of Hubert Selby Jr's once-controversial novel of Brooklyn life, directed by Uinch Edel (102 min). Mel. Grecies by Simulation (07-602 6844).

Odeon Kensington (07-602 6844).

Progs 1.10, 3.40, 6.15, 8.50.

Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905).

Progs 1.10, 3.40, 6.00, 8.40.

Odeon West End (01-803 5252/7615). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.45.

MYSTERY TRAIN (15): Episodic film from Jim Jarmusch, focused on the overnight visitors at a Memphis hotel (113 min). (113 min). Lumlere (01-836 0691). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.25, 8.50. Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 4.00, 6.40, 8.50.

PARENTHOOD (12): Episodic heart-warmer from Ron Howard about the joys and sorrows of raising children (114 min)

on Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.10. 6.10, 9.05. Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.15. Late today, tomorrow

ion Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.15. 5.05, 7.55. Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 3.00, 5.35, 8.10. Plaza (01-437 1234). Progs 12.15, 3.00, 5.45, 8.30.

5.45, 6.30. Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 12.30, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45, Tomorrow and Sun 1.00, 3.45, 6.30, 9.15.

ROSALIE GOES SHOPPING (15): Broad saure from director Percy Adion and the ample Mananne Sägebrecht (94 min). Cannon Shaftesbury Ave (01-835 6279). Progs 1.20, 3.40, 6.00, 8.20. Chelsas Cinema (01-84) Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.55.

Virginia Street, London E1 9XN Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 2.55, 4.55, 7.05, 9.00.

SHIRLEY VALENTINE (15): Warm-hearted film with Pauline Collins as the Liverpool housewife rediscovering romance (109 min). Empire (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30,

6.00, 8.30. SC Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2836). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.20. Mineme (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. Whiteleys (01-792 3303), 1.20, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50, tomorrow and Sun 11.20, 1.50, 4.20, 6.50, 9.20.

TURNER AND HOOCH (PG): Predictable cop-and-dog antics given some charm by Tom Hanks as the police investigator. Cannon Chelses (01-352 5096). Progs

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WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15):
Romantic cornedy, with Bilty Crystal and Mag Ryan as professional Manhattanites who gradually fall for each other (95 min).
Camden Parkway (01-267 7034). Progs (not Sun) 3.30, 5.45, 8.30; Sun 5.00, 7.45.
Cannon Chelesa (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 7.20, 9.45.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.25, 8.55.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.50 (not Sat, Sun), 4.15 (not Sat, Sun), 6.30, 8.50.
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ ANYTHING GOES: Elaine Parge getting a kick out of Cole Porter's hit musical: shipboard romance, intridue and "You're the Top".
Prince Edward Theatre, Old Compton
St, W1 (01-734 8951). Tube: Lekcester
Sq Mon-Sat 7 30-9.45pm; mats. Thurs and Sat 2.30-4.45pm, £9-£22. (D)

★ BUDDY: Musical play on the life of the great, late Buddy Holly: catches the sound and spirit of those far off days. Victoria Palace Theather, Victoria St, SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Morn-Thurs 8.00pm, Fri, Sat 8.30pm; mats Fri, Sat 5.30pm, 27-£18.50; Fri mat haif order.

928 7616). Tube: Waterloo Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.45pm; mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £7-£15.

☆ A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC: Dorothy Tutin. Peter McEnery. Susan Hampshire, in Sondheim's elegant and rouching musical.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman St, W1 (01-867 1116). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-sat 7 45pm; mats Tues and Sat 3pm, £11-£21.

☆ LONDON ASSURANCE: Paul Eddington an amusing ageing beau, with Angela Thome in otherwise so-so

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Without a Clue

Quest for Celtic roots



Romantic cachet: The Alarm (left to right), Eddie McDonald, Mike Peters, Dave Sharp and Nigel Twist

In the wake of the 1987/8 "Celtic Folklore" tour, the Alarm has continued its guileless attempt to become a Welsh equivalent of Ireland's U2 and Scotland's Simple Minds. As well as playing several benefit concerts on behalf of the Welsh language preservationists, the group released last year's Tony Viscontiproduced albam, Change, in both an English and a Welsh language edition. The preposterous video for the recent hit single, "A New South Wales", found lead singer Mike Peters leading the Morriston Orphens Male Voice Choir through the song's several rousing choruses, interest with footage of him wandering moodily among desolate valley landscapes scarred by the industrial tackle of old mining sites. Yet the music and the hairstyles seem, more than ever, the result of American influences, and indeed it is in America, where they recently toured with Bob Dylan, that the group concentrated its efforts for the best part of last year. Aside from its romantic cachet, the quest for Celtic roots is thus a bit of a red herring. For, in the nine years since the band was convened in Rhyl, North Wales, these local lads have progressed from post-

punk rabble-rousers into a different kind of streamlined, international unit. Tonight, Music Hall, Aberdeen (0224 641122); tomorrow, Barrowlands, Glasgow (041 226 4679); Mon, Network, Edinburgh (031 226 7010); Tues, Newcastle City Hall (091 261 2606); Wed, Sheffield City Hall (0742 735295); Thurs, St Georges Hall, Bradford (0274 752000); Jan 27, Royal Court, Liverpool (051 709 4321); Jan 28, Apollo, Manchester (061 273 3775); Jan 29, Hull City Hall (0482 226655); Jan 31, Aston Villa Leisure Centre (021 328 4884); Feb 1, De Montford Hall, Leicester (0533 544444); Feb 3, Newport Centre (0633 259676); Feb 4, St Davids Hall, Cardiff (0222 371236); Feb 5, Colston Hall, Bristol (0272 223687); Feb 6, Exeter University (0392 263528); Feb 8, Assembly Rooms, Derby (0332 369311); Feb 9, Hereford Leisure Centre (6432 271959), Feb 10, Corn Exchange, Cambridge (0223 357851); Feb 12, Guildhall, Portsmouth (0705 824355); Feb 13, Hexagon, Reading (0734 591591); Feb 14, UEA, Norwich (0603 505401); Feb 15, Brixton Academy, London (01-326 1022). David Sinclair

Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm; mats Thurs 3-5.10pm and Sat 4-6.10pm, £8-£16. (D) ☆ THARK: Griff Rhys Jones and Dinsdale Landen in the classic Aldwych

farcs. Lyric Theatre, King St. London W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £9-£15; all mats £9.

☆ THE WOMAN IN BLACK: Charles Kay and Dominic Letts are now the central cast in this superior spinechiller, equipped with haumed island, dense tog and mysterious deaths.
Fortune Theatre, Russell St. WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covert Garden. Mon-Sat 8-10pm; mats Tues 3-5pm and Sat 4-6pm. £7-£15.

OUT OF TOWN

NEWCASTLE: Popeye in Exile: David Glass New Mime Ensemble premiere their staging of the life and times of the great spinach-eater. At the London Mime Festival from Jan 23. Gulbenkian Studio Theatre, Haymarket (091 232 9974), tonight, tomorrow, Fri and Sat 8pm, Sat mat 2.30pm, £3.80-£6.

CONCERTS

TODAY

☆ ZADOK, NELSON: The Choir of New College, Oxford, the City of London Sintonia and soloists are conducted by Edward Higginbotham in Handel's Zedok the Priest and Haydin's "Nelson" St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £4-£12.

Music and Mozart's Symphony No 40. Also Mozart's Piano Concerto K 466

and Haydin's Trumpet Concerto. Berbican Centre, Silk St. London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45pm, 25.50-215. **TOMORROW** * RICCIARELLI RECITAL: The

Chassersork memoriate. Autori Stokov (vokin) and Michael Freyhan (piano) give the Sascha Lasserson Memorial Prize Rectal Wigmore Half, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7-30pm, £5-£10.

NEW DAVIES: The SCO is conducted by

Sir Peter Maxwell Davies in the world premiere of his Strathclyde Concerto No 3, in which the soloists are Robert Cook

(horn) and Peter Franks (trumpet). City Hall, Candleriggs, Glasgow (041 227 5511), 7.30pm, 22.20-29.20.

★ LEDGER/ECO: Philip Ledger conducts the ECO in Handel's Water

soprano Katta Ricciarelli sings arias by Handel, Cherubini, Piccini and Vivaldi, songs by Fauré, Liszt, Rossini, Bellini and Donizetti. Wigmore Hatl, 38 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £7.50-£15.

SUNDAY

JULIAN SREAM: The famous guitarist plays Bach, Giuliani, Granados and Tippett. Wigmore Hall, 4pm, £5-£15.

QUIET COPLAND: Michael Tilson Thomas conducts the LSO in Copland: Quiet City, Bernstein's Prelude, Fugue and Riffs, Mozart's Symphony No 35 "Haffmer" and Prokoflev's Symphony No 5

Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.30-9.30pm, £4.50-£20.

OPERA

☆ DON PASQUALE: New production of Donizetti's *opera buffa* for Opera North: Andrew Shore plays the old hypochondrac of the title role and David yd-Jones conducts. and Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351), 7.15-9.45pm, £5-£21

★ EUGENE ONEGIN: Surrey Opera mounts a new production o Tchaikovsky's work in English, directed by Paul Maloney. Harlequin Theatre, Redhill, Surrey (0737 765547), 7.45-10.30pm, £7.50-£8.

TOMORROW

★ HANSEL AND GRETEL: English National Opera's New Year revival Alison Hagley take over the title roles, with James Holmes conducting.

Collegum, St. Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-9.45pm, 53

ROCK

TODAY

★ ERIC CLAPTON: The old man of English blues says he now regards this, his third such annual residency, as a rock equivalent to the Proms. Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore. London SW7 (01-589 8212), 7.30pm. £13.50-£17.50, and for 16 more nights.

TODAY

 ☆ JEWELS: A new programme of Raqs
Sharki Egyptien dance and music by Opera Theatre, Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Rd, Manchester (061 273 4504).

GALLERIES

SARA RADSTONE AND ANGUS SUTTIE: Ceramic sculptures. Contemporary Applied Arts, 43 Eartham St. London WC2 (01-836 6993), Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, free, until Feb

PRINTS FROM SCOTTISM ART COLLEGES: Printnaker's Workshop, 23 Union St, Edinburgh (031 557 2479), Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, free, until Feb 24.

BLUE SKIES: A sculpture/photography installation by Susan Trangmar. Waterman's Art Centre, 40 High St, Brentfurd (01-568 1176), Mon-Fri 11 20sm-Barn State 11 am-9 30sm

11.30am-9pm, Sat-Sun 11am-9.30pm, free, until Feb 18. W BARNS-GRAHAM: A retrospective of work from 1940 to the present by a Stives School painter who, like other members of that community, is equally

* PAUL NicCARTNEY: A dezzling show which celebrates the Beatles' heritage as much as it showcases last year's Rowers in the Dirt album.

Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234), 7.30pm, £18.50, also tomorrow, Sun and for three more nights.

* STAPLY RED: Mick Hucknail's blue-

eyed soul experience. G-Mex., City Cantre, Menchester (061 834 2700), tonight 7.30pm, £12-£14. SECC, Finnleston St. Glasgow (041 248 3000), Sun 7.30pm, £12-£14.

TOMORROW

was abandoned at this venue last November when Pat Kane lost his voice

SECC, Finnleston St. Glasgow (041 248

★ ERASURE: Continuing the second leg of the duo's longest ever UK tour. G-Mex., City Centre., Manchester (061 834 2700), Sat 7.30pm, 28.50-29.50. NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133), Sun for two nights 7.30pm, £8.50-£9.50.

JAZZ

TODAY

* KENNY WHEELER: The trumpeter celebrates his sticleth birthday with the help of a big band built around his own

culmet, plus the lites of Evan Parker and Stan Sutzmann. Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Rd. Manchester (061 273 4504).

tonight, 7.45pm, 25. Albert Hell, Wellington Circus, Nottingham (0602 419741) tomorrow, 7.30pm, 26.50.

7.30pm, 20.50. Haymarket Thestre, Belgrave Gate, Leicester (0533 530021) Sun, 7.30pm,

★ PIANO TRIAD: A gruelling triple bill of solo recitals from three planists — Diango Bates of Loose Tubes, Alex Maguire and the Impressionistic Akemi

Kuniyoshi-Kuhn. Willesden Green Library Centre, 95 High Rd, London NW10 (01-451 0294),

High Hd, London NWTU (UT-451 uz24), tonight, 8.30pm, 25. Rosehill Theatre, Moresby, Whitehave (0946 692422), tomorrow, 8pm, 24-25. Zeffereili*s, Compston Rd, Ambleside (05394 33845), Sun, 8pm, £3.50.

TOMORROW

★ EARL OKIN: Ellington and Hoagy Carmichael standards from the singer-

guitanst-planist, performing at one of London's nawer azz venues. HQ Restaurant, West Yard, Camden Lock, London NW1 (01-485 6044),

★ ROSERTO PLA: The percussionist's Latin Ensemble serves up infectious dance music.

Double Bass, 162 Earls Court Rd, London SW5 (01-835 2021) 9.30pm,

SUNDAY

PETER BRÖTZMANN: An avant-garde onstaught as the Last Edt saxophonist teams up with 9-Shops For The Poor. Jazz Cafe, 56 Newington Green, London N16 (01-359 4836) 8.30pm, 23.

DANCE

TODAY

★ CINDERELLA: Sylvie Guillem dances the title role for the Royal Ballet tonight, and Maria Almeida tomorrow. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30pm, £1-£41.

* THE NUTCRACKER: English National Ballet's season ends with performances tonight at 7.30, tomorrow 2.30 and 7.30pm.

Royal Featival Hell, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 25-219.50.

TOMORROW

3000), 7.30pm, 28.60.

★ HÜE AND CRY: Scotlish pop-soul politicos with a rescheduled show to compensate for the performance which

at home with figurative and abstract work. Crawford Arts Centre, 93 North St., St Andrews, Fife (0334 74610), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Feb

THE GRAPHIC ART OF MAX KLINGER (1857-1920): One hundred prints. Goethe-Institut, 50 Princes Gete, London SW7 (01-581 3344), Mon-Trans noon-9pm, Fri noon-5pm, Sat 9.30am-12.30pm, free, until Mer 3.

FIGURE INTO FORM: Paintings and drawings of the human form by
Maureen Barrield.
Berbican Theatre Gallery, Castle St.
Plymouth (0752 287131), free, until Feb

WALKS

TODAY

LAWYERS LONDON — INNS OF COURT AND OLD BAILEY: Meet Temple tube, 10.30am, £3.50. GOTHIC LONDON: Meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £3.50.

TOMORROW

LONDON'S HIDDEN ALLEYS AND CURIOSITIES: Meet St Paul's tube, 2pm, £3,50.

HAMPSTEAD PUB WALK: Meet Hampstead tube, 7.30pm, £2,

SUNDAY THE HISTORIC CITY - FROM THE ROMANS TO THE BLITZ: Meet Tower Hill tube, 11am, 24.

BEATLES LONDON - ROCK ROUTES OF THE SWINGING SIXTIES: Meet Green Park tube, 2pm, £3.50.

OTHER EVENTS

ANTIQUE FAIRS: Four taking place this weekend, apart from the West London at Kensington Town Hall. Today and tomorrow at the Bear Hotel, Devizes, Wilshire. Tomorrow and Sun at The Old School, Long Meliford, Suffolk; at Chilford Half Pavillon Exhibition Centre, near Linton, Cambridgeshire, and at the Pavillon Gardens, Button, Derbyshire. Entry to all fairs is \$2.

GERRY COTTLES CIRCUS: Traditional circus with spectacular stums including trapeze and springboard acts and the man who gets into a bottle. Demgate Centre, Northampton (0604 24811). Until Jan 27, Mon-Sat 5pm and 7.30pm, Sun 2pm and 5pm.

BARBICAN FREE FOYER PERFORMANCE: Alto sax player Mail: Wates leads his four piece band with original and modern jazz, bossa nova and "singable" melodies. Watershire cafe and wine bar both open for

Barbican Temace Foyar, Level 5, Barbican, Sifk St, London EC2, Sun

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

BLACKHEATH INTERNATIONAL SONG SERIES: Recitals by Joan Rodgers with Roger Vignotes (March 11); James Bowman (March 30) including premiere of new work based on Yeats texts; and Kurt Moli (first recital in Britain on Feb

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LAST CHANCE IT'S A STILL LIFE: Sculptures, paintings, drawings and photos from Arts Council collection. Ends Sun.

Usher Gallery, Lincoln (0522 27980).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair, Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival: Galleries: David Lee: Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw, Other Events: Judy Froshaug, Bookings: Anne

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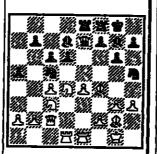
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WELLISON CHOICE

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Arena (BBC2, 9.30pm), which can usually be relied upon to come up with novel themes, launches a new series with a film by Fisher Dilke called Numbers. It must have been quite a challenge to fill an hour of television, which depends on the concrete and the visual, with such a seemingly abstract subject. But drawing on material from both sides of the Affantic, Dilke is quickly into his stride. As an hors-d'ocuvre, he offers for our consideration such evocative combinations as 007, 747, 999, as well as Number 10. We are soon into the superstitions of the number 13, with waiters at a West End hotel laying an extra place in order to avoid it. Janet Street-Porter explains the thinking behind such programme titles as Network 7 and Room 113. There is a man who is convinced that buying a car with the number plate 666 (an apocalyptic combination of digits from the Book of Revelation) was responsible for launching a string of personal tragedies. Some of the items could have done with greater elaboration, such as the theory that the plot of a film always takes off at roughly the same page number on the script or that all dramas buil down to 36 basic situations. Other pieces border on the pretentious and the incomprehensible. Dilke makes no attempt to pull them together and establish common links. He presents an anthology rather than a thesis, entertaining but ultimately inconsequential.



Imposing: Moscow's 30ft head of Lenin reflects a dominant ideology (C4, 8pm)

• Irony Curtain (Channel 4, 8.00pm) the latest offering in the Soviet Spring scason, does set out a thesis. It is that the relationship between art (specifically painting and architecture) and politics in the Soviet Union and the United States is not as different as might be imagined. Democracies, too, can impose a dominant ideology. The film offers a striking example in the slablike 1930s architecture common to Stalin's Moscow and Roosevelt's Washington (and, for that matter, Hitler's Munich). The more t interesting question of why a communist, a capitalist and a fascist state should celebrate their public face in similar style is, disappointingly, not pursued. Other parallels are less convincing. Spread over two evenings (the second part is at the same time tomorrow), Irony Curtain is an amhitious, erudite survey with a high standard of illustration. But its material deserves to have been better organized. (SECT

8.00 Ceefax.
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with
Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando.
Regular news headlines, financial
and business builetins, sports hems,
regional news, weather and travel
reports, plus a look at the morning
newspapers with Paul Callan
8.55 Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by
Open Air. Viewers comment on
yesterday's television. Introduced
by Eamonn Holmes. To contribute
rang 061 814 0424
9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Sik chairs a
studio discussion on a topical subject
10.00 News and weather followed by
Going for Gold (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, presented by
Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays
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Hodge with a reading
11.00 News and weather followed by
Open Air, introduced by Eamonn
Holmes and Jayne Irving
12.00 News and weather followed by
Daysine Live. Today's edition
includes guest Theima Bartow,
who plays Mavis in Coronation
Street. 12.56 Regional news and
weather

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. After her whirlwind time with John Worthington, Mrs Mangel wonders whether or not she is really ready for what he is offering. (Ceefax)
1.50 Film: The Running Man (1963), starring Laurence Harvey, Lee Remick and Alan Batas. Thriller based on Shelley Smith's novel about an airtine pilot who fakes a glider accident, so that his wife can claim his life insurance. Their plans for a comfortable and quiet life of anonymity in Spain are shattered anonymity in Spain are shattered by the persistence of a dogged insurance investigator. Directed by Carol Reed. (Ceefax) 3.30 Lifeline. Cliff Michelmore and

Lynette Lithgow with the latest charity news; and Penny Junor with an appeal on behalf of the Friends for the Young Deaf Trust

(r)
Cartoon. One Mother's Family
3.50 is That a Fact? Series
exploring the world of legend and
myth 4.05 The New Yoo! Beer Show.
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Jackanory. Nick Wilton with the last
part of Dick King-Smith's Martin's
Mice 4.20 Coppers and Co. With
David Copperlied (r)
Newaround Extra. Helen Rollsson
reports on this year's Commonwealth
Games which are being held in
Auckland, New Zeeland, and talks to
some of the younger British

Auckland, New Zealand, and talks to some of the younger British athletes who will be taking part.

5.10 Grange Hill. Episode six and Calley and Ronnie are caught in an embarrassing situation. (Ceefax)

5.35 Neighbours (r), (Ceefax)

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Jill Dando. Weather

6.30 Newsroom South East 7.00 Wogen. With Jerry Hall, actors

George Wendt and Ronald Fraser, and Geoffrey Lawton, who successfully stood in for the unwell Placido Domingo in the title role of the opera Otello, Plus a song from

of the opera Otello. Plus a song from Tanha Tikaram

7.40 'Alio 'Alio René and Leclerc devise a way of blowing up the safe in Gruber's bedroom which contains the plans for the German invasion of Britain (r). (Ceefax)

8.65 Campion. Sweet Danger. In the last episode of the two-part serial, private-eye detective Albert Campion makes a disguised return to Pontisbright in order to track down Savanake, which culminates in a duel of interests at the mill. With Pater Davison and Iain Cuthbertson. (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn
Lawis. Regional news and weather
9.30 Film: Sophie's Choice (1982),
starring Meryl Streep, Kevin Kline
and Peter MacNicol. Powerful
drams based on William Styron's
novel, about a Polish immigrant
and survivor of Auschwitz, living in
Brooklyn after the war, who
befriends a young writer. This
friendship for her gradually
begins to unfold the nightmare that
still haunts her and the love she
found during the war. Directed by
Alan J. Pakula. (Ceefax)

11.55 Beny White in Concert. Soul
singer Barry White recorded in
concert at the National Exhibition
Centre in Birmingham during the

Centre in Birmingham during the International Music Festival (1)

6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain, introduced by Linda Mitchell and, from 7.00, by Richard Keys and Lorraine Kelly. Includes news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 8.00. After Nine includes Russell Grant with

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9.25 Lucky Laddens. Word association game 9.56 Thames News.
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott introduces a special edition, following on from Monday's programme in which an English family spent a week with a Moscow family. Today the Soviet family visits its English counterparts in Kent.
10.40 This Moming. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes items on fashion and fitness; pet care; and gardening. National news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather

weather
12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets
series 12.30 Home and Away.
Preparations for the wedding are
under way at the Fletcher house 1.00 News at One with John Suchet.
Weather 1.20 Thames News ar weather

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1.30 it's a Vet's Life. The first of a new series presented by vet John Baxter
2.00 The Bill (r)
3.00 Give Us a Citys. Celebrity charactes presented by Michael Parkinson. Joining team captains Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard today are Rose Devideon. Both Molecus

Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard toda are Ross Davidson, Bob Hoiness, Jayne Irving, Rufa Lanska, Libby Morris and Robin Nedwell 3.25
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4.00 Utterly Brilliant. Timmy Mallett is taught to draw carbons by Ashley Haynes 4.20 Round the Bend.
Comedy series 4.45 Pelace Hill.
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5.10 Home and Away (r)
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong.

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Weather
5.85 Crime Monthly Preview.
6.00 6 O'Clock Live presented by
Frank Bough
7.00 Concentration. Game show
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diplomat when Alec's hopes of
building a bridge between himself
and his estranged daughter are
dashed. (Oracle)
8.00 Watching. Romantic comedy
series starring Paul Bown and Emma
Wray (Oracle)
8.30 Home To Roost. Last episode of
the situation comedy starring John
Thaw and Reece Dinsdale.
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9.00 Stolen. Episode three and

Marianne continues her search for Salim and their two children in Saim and their two critices in Karachi, where she meets an unlikely ally, Birmingham businessman Donald Caudell. Starring Art Mallik, Cheryl Prime, Julie T. Wallace and Timothy Spall. (Oracle)

10,00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Flona Armstrong Weather 10.30 LWT News and

weather

10.35 Crime Monthly includes new evidence about the Epping Forest double murder with a reconstruction which police hope will lead them closer to solving the

deaths
11.35 The Spectacular World of
Guinness Records
12.00 Married . . With Children.
American comedy series
12.30am William Tell. Adventures of
the Swiss hero starring Will Lyman
and Jeremy Clyde
1.00 The James Whale Radio Show.
The outspoken phone-in host takes

to the airwaves once again, inviting listeners and viewers to join in tonight's discussion. Followed by News headlines

2.00 Chematizactions. Steve March with the latest film news from the

United States United States

2.30 The Fall Guy: The Lady in Green.
While Cott is in hospital for surgery
on his leg, an old movie hero,
Grant Coleman, becomes embroiled
in a mysterious murder which Cott
and Howie can't help but get involved
in With Jap Maiors, Down Berr in. With Lee Majors, Doug Barr and Hurd Hatfield (r) 3.30 US Baseball. Oakland Athletics

versus the San Francisco Giants.
4.30 Ski World. A what, where and how guide to sking from some of the sport's leading experts.

5.00 iTN Morning News with Anne Leuchers. Ends at 6.00

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8.00 News 8.15 Westminster 9.00 Ceetax. 9.15 Daytime on Two: science for teachers 9.45 Art and design 10.05 Learning to read 10.25 A young kitchen maid in Edwardian Scottand 10.45 The story of Mrs Mopple's Washing Line 11.03 Rehearsing a Washing Line 11.43 Henearsing a musical 11.25 Maths 11.40 Two disparate weddings 12.00 Beginners Spanish 12.15 Scene: Just Deserts 12.45 The first of an English language series 1.20 King Rollo 1.25 Chris and Crumble 1.40 Walnus 2.00 News and weather followed by a series for the years young:

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at Crystal Paleos, Rugby Union; a
preview of the Five Nations
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Commonwealth Games preview,
includes news and weather at

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4.00 Catchword with Paul Cola 4.30 Behind the Headlines, Kathy Lette casts a critical eye over the media industry 5.00 Clean State. The Princess Royal talks about next Monday's launch of international Literacy Year 5.30 Food and Deink (**)

5.30 Food and Drink (r) 6.00 Film: The Train Robbers (1973), Finite 1148 Hooders (1973), starring John Wayne and Ann-Margret. Western about a widow who offers a retired gunman \$50,000 to find the gold stolen by her late husband. Directed by Burt Kennedy.

(Ceefax)
7.30 Friday Report: Race for a Parent.
The controversial issue of mixed race adoption. (London only)

8.00 Public Eye: Policing in the 1990s A Call to Account? Peter Taylor
assesses the shape of the Sritish
police force in the 1990s

9.00 Colin's Sandwich. Comedy series starring Mel Smith. (Ceefax)
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11.50 Film: Regitime (1981), starring
Brad Dourif, Eizabeth McGovern, Pat
O'Brien and Donald O'Connor.
Adaptation of E. L. Doctorow's modern classic about American society in the early 1900s. Directed by Milos Forman. (Ceefax) Ends at 2.25am

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6.00 The Channel Four Daily

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12.00 The Partiement Programme
12.30 Business Daily
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2.00 Reaching Agreement.
Communication skills (r). (Oracle)
2.30 Film: We Were Dancing (1942, b/w) starring Norma Shearer and Melvyn Douglas. A poor Polish princess intends to marry a rich lawer but. on the eye of her princess intends to marry a non-lawyer but, on the eve of her wedding, falls in love with a penniless Austrian beron. Directed by Robert Z. Leonard 4.15 Joe McDoelres (1946, b/w). Joe makes up his mind to consult a psychiatrist. Directed by Richard

5.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). Comedy series starring Lucitie Ball 5.30 Information Technology. Information Technology.
Automated manufacturing systems

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 6.30 Mork and Mindy. Comedy
 7.00 Channel Four News with Jon Snow and Zelnab Badawi. Weather
 7.65 Book Choice. A Moment's Liberty, an abridged version of Virginia Woolf's diaries, edited by Anne Oliver Bell, is reviewed by Joanna Trollogs. (Oracle)

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9.00 Empty Nest. Comedy starring Richard Mulligan

9.30 World of Herba. The first of a new series presented by Lesley Bremness. (Oracle)

10.00 The Golden Girls. Blanche, Rose, Sophia and Dorothy try to diet in order to fit into their swimsuits. (Oracle)

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10.30 Whose Line is it Anyway?

Improvised comedy

11.00 Film: My English Grandfather
(1986). Award-winning Russian
comedy about a British talegraph
operator in Georgia at the time of the
Revolution. With English subtitles.
Directed by Nana Dzhordzhadze

12.25am Film: Remember Me This

Way. A made for television
adaptation of Roman Solntsev's
play Mother and Son. At a family
reunion in Lehingrad the younger
generation clashes with the older.
With English subtitles. Directed by
Pavel Chukhrai. Ends at 2.15

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SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
5.00am World Business Report 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 World Business Report 10.30 Frank Bough 11.30 World Business Report 1.30 NBC Today 2.30 Parliament 3.15 Parliament 4.30 NBC Today 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 The Reporters 8.30 Frank Bough 9.30 Newsline 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 NBC News 12.30 mm Frank Bough 1.30 Newsline 2.30 The Reporters 3.30 The FBI 4.30 Newsline

SKY MOVIES

From 8.00mm The Satellits Shop 2.00pm The Kid Who Wouldn't Quit: A retarded boy graduates from high school 3.00 Miracle at Moreaux: Loretta Swit as a Second World War nun who rescues as a Second World War rum who rescues
Jewish children from the Nazis
4.00 Warmors of the Wind (1984):
Animated Japenese fantasy
6.00 The Longehot (1986): Four losers
gamble borrowed money on a wrong runner
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Merie: A True Story (1985): Sissy
Spacek as a single mother who becomes
chairwoman of the Tennessee parole
board

10.00 Wall Street (1987): Charts the ruthless world of insider-trading. With Michael Douglas and Charile Sheen 12.30am A Sense of Freedom: Based 12.30am A Sense of Freedom: Based on the real-life story of Jimmy Boyle, Glasgow gangster turned writer 2.30 Covergirls (1994): A young model's rise in the world of the international catwalks 4.00 Better off Dead (1985): Cornedy about the romantic adventures of a failed suicide, Ends at 5.35am

EUROSPORT

5.00mm World Business Report 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ Kat European Business Channel 6.00 DJ Kat 8.30 Menu 9.00 Mobil Motor Sport 9.30 Surfer Magazine 10.00 Australian Open Tennis 11.00 World Cup Skling 12.00 Cycling: Tour de France 2.00pen Curling 3.00 Basketball 5.00 Australian Open Tennis 6.00 Ringside — Best of Superbouts: Ken Norton v Muhammad Ali 7.00 World Championship Motor Sport 8.00 Curling 9.00 Ford Ski Report 10.00 Australia Open Tennis 11.00 Weightlifting: Women's World Weightlifting: Women's World Championships 12.00 UK Snooker

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SCREENSPORT

7.00am Wide World of Sport 8.00 NFL American Football 10.00 Spanish Soccer 11.45 American Basketball 12.15pm 4.00 Review of '89: European Rallycross Championships 5.00 Powersports 6.00 ice Skating 7.30 Update; ice Hockey 9.30 ice Spaedway 10.30 Rugby League

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Jake's Fitness Minute 10.01 Search For Tomorrow 10.25 Fashion File 10.35 Wok With Yan 11.00 Coffee Preas Wok with Yan 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 The Edge of Night 11.35 The Great American Gameshows 12.50pm Star Time 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50 Skyways 2.40 Search For Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Break 3.15 The Detectives 4.05 Tea Jack Thompson Down Under 4.35 Lifestyle Plus 4.45 American Gameshows

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RADIO 2

PM Stores and NeW News on the hour Headings 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 4.00am Alex Lester 5.30 7.30, 6.30
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Young 1.35pen Devid Jacobs 2.00
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Love 5.65 John Dunn 7.00 Syd
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Friday blight is Music Night 6.45
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10-30 Gortum and Swift 11-00
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6.55em Weather and News 6.55am Weather and News Headines
7.99 Morning Concert:
Philharmonia under Otto Klemperer performs
Klemperer (Merry Waltz and One-Step "Das Ziel");
Wagner (Siegfried Idyil)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont);
Mozart (Symhony No 25 in G minor); Brahms (Alto Rhapsody: Philharmonia Chorus, men's voices, with Christa Ludwig, mezzosoprano); Strauss (Don Juan)

8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Jaracosk — The Final Years
(1921-8), String Quartet No
2 "Intimate Letters"
(Smetana Quartet); From the
House of the Dead, Act 1
(Vienna Philitamonic
Orchestra under Charles
Mackerras; Vienna State
Opera Chorus)

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Opera Chorus)

9.35 Morning Sequence; Haydn
(Symphony No 24 in D:
Austro-Hungarian Haydn
Orchestra under Adem
Fischer); Martin (Mass for
Double Choir: Choir of
Christ Church Cathedral,
Oxford, under Stephen
Deringtont: Honeoder Dartington); Honegger (Symphony No 3 "Symphonie liturgique": Bavarian RSO under Charles Dutoit); Frank Christopher Herrick, organ);

Christopher Herrick, organ);
Poulsen (Salve Regina);
Martin (Sonata da Chiesa:
Susan Milan, flute,
Christopher Herrick, organ);
Haydn (Symphony No 22
"Philosopher")

12.00 Amsterdam Baroque
Orchestra under Ton
Monomen, with Jago Tef Orchestra under Ton Koopman, with Jaap Ter Linden, celle, performs Pieter Hellendaaf (Concerto grosse in G minor, Op 3 No 1); Ylvaldi (Celle Concerto in G minor, RV 416); Purcell (Suite, The Fairy Queen); Bach (Suite No 1 in C, BWV 1086) (r) News

1.00 News 1.06 Chamber Music from Manchester: Live from Studio 7. The Coull String Studio 7. The Coull String
Quartet in G. Op 64 No 4);
Beethoven (Quartet in E.
minor, Op 59 No 2)
2.00 Daniel Jones Symphonies:
BBC Wetsh Symphony
Orchestra under Bryden
Thomson performs Lyadov
(Küdmora, Op 53); Jones
(Sumphony No 2) (Symphony No 2)
2.66 Schumann Lieder: Martyn
Hill, tenor, Greibam
Johnson, plano, perform
Schumann (Twelve Songs,
Op 35) (r)

RADIO 3

Leos Janáček: the composer's last years of life (R3, 8-35am)

3.38 BBC Scottish Brass Ensemble under Anthony
Swelmon performs Gundher
Schuller (Symphony for
brass and percussion, Op
16); John Hearne (The Four
Horsemen – first broadcast)
4.20 Dvořák and Barber:
Soldeter Choles Prague Soloists; Choirs; Prague Philharmonic Orchestra under Neumann perform Dvořák (Te Deum); Martinů (Field Mass) (Field Mass)

5.45 Back to the Delta (new series): Alyn Shipton charts the traditional jazz ravival in

Britain which began in the tate Forties (see Choice)
6.15 Les Worques; David Owen Norria brings a French flavour to the programme. With guest, Miles Kington 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Andrew Graham

Dison in comercation with the painter John Virtue 7.30 The Friday Play: Principle Scriptories, by Richard Nelson. Set in 1970, two young writers, Bill (Anton Lesser) and Emesto (Sean Baker), reassess their artistic and moral values white they languish in a South American prison 9.10 Aquerius: Part 1. Milhaud (Aspen serende for nine instruments, Op 351): Philip Grange (Songlines — first performance)

Nikolov

9.55 Aquarius: Part 2. Robert
Sheriaw Johnson
(Sinfonietta concertante —
first performance); Satie, arr
Birtwistle (Mercure, Poses
plastiques en trols tableaux)
11.00 Composers of the Weelc
J.S. Bach (f)
12.00 News

selection of his own works is introduced and read by

performance)
9.50 Poet of the Month: A

RADIO 4

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Prayer for the Day with
Maureen Pamphilon
6.30 Today, with Sue MacGregor
and Peter Hobday, incl
6.30, 7.90, 7.30, 8.90,
8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 6.35 Yesterday in
Parliament 8.57 Weather
9.00 News

9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawley with disc jocksy
John Peel (s) (r)
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs viewers' and listeners' comments on BBC

comments on BBC
programmes and policy
10.00 News; Special Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: Leviathan,
by Philip Ridely, Read by
Richard Mitchley
16.45 Daily Service from St
George's, Brandon Hill,
Bristol. Lad by the Rev
Stephen Lyras
11.00 News; A Nearby Country:
Part 3: Education. James
Naughtis examines the
differences which remain
between Scotland and

between Scotland and
England through three of its
institutions (r)

11.47 Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow
investigates the House of
Commons' emblem;
displaces with a visual is discovers why a yawn is infectious; and why sunlight can encourage sneezing 12.90 News; You and Yours with John Waits

12.25pm The Food Programme with Derek Cooper 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One with Bill Frost 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
Helen Boaden introduces
the programme from
Manchester. Includes a five interview on the problem of drug addiction, with Dr Sue Reuben who has been Reuben who has been working with sufferers in Liverpool, and len Taylor of Satford University, who has been studying drugs trafficking for the Canadian government; plus reports on family obligations. the revival of flares and Liverpool suffregetes

3.00 News; Classic Seriat: Jim Davies, by John Masefield. Davies, by John Massfield.
Part 3 of a four-part
dramatization, With Nicholas
Picture as Jim Davis (s)
4.06 Ali in The Mind (f)

4.30 Kalekdoscope: Presented by Paul Allen, includes a report on international mime theatre groups, gathering for festivals in London and Phymouth (s) (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Stx O'Clock News; Financial Report

8.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs
discovers what's new in the
world of transport

world of transport
7.00 News
7.25 The Archers
7.26 The Archers
7.26 Pick of the Week (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan
Dimbleby in Sheffield with
Alan Beith, MP, Liberal
Democrat Treasury
spokesman; Julia
Cleverdon, director of
Education for Business in
the Community; Ben Pimiot
Professor of Politics and
Contamporary History at
Britbeck College; and
Michael Portillo, MP,
Minister of State at the
Department of Transport Department of Transport 8.50 Law in Action (new series

review of events in the courts and the legal profession — both civil and criminal 9.15 Keleidoscope: From Alian to Osaka, Nigel Andrews interviews British film director Ridley Scott, whose films include Alien and Blade Runner, and whose latest film, Black Rain, opens here next week. It stars Michael Douglas and was filmed mainly in Oseka, Japan (s) (see Choice) 9.45 Letter From America 9.59 Westher

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10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedfirm: Lady
Chatterley's Lover by D.H. Lawrence (final pert) (S) 11.00 Week Ending: Satirical raview of the week's news. With Bill Walls, David Tate,

Sally Grace and Royce Mills

11,25 The Financial World Tonight 11.25 The Financial World Tonight presented by Vincent Dugleby 11.45 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast FM as LW axcept 11.00am-12.00 For Schools (s) 1.55pm Listening Corner (s) 2.05-3.00 For Schools (s) 5.50-8.55 PM (continued) 12.30-1.10am Night School (s)

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(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

Radio 3 producers don't need me to tell them that, jazzwise, they're on to a good thing with Alyn Shipton. His recent series on "Fats" Waller, The Cheerful Little Earful, opened lots of doors I never knew even existed. The same would seem to be true of Back to the Delta starting tonight (Radio 3, 5.45pm) in which he charts the traditional jazz renaissance in Britain between the late 1940s and the late 1960s. Musicians such as Humphrey Lyttelton were influenced by, but not slavishly imitative of, the American New Orleans revivalists, and there's a characteristic Anglo-US co-operative effort tonight in an historic recording that



Lyttelton: stannch reviver of traditional jazz (R3, 5.45pm) Sidney Bechet made with the Lyttelton Band in 1949.

• The film director Ridley Scott (Alien, Blade Runner, Legend, etc) swings, pendulum-like, between the offensive and defensive in tonight's Kaleidoscope interview (Radio 4, 9.15pm). Given Scott's marked aptitude for seeing off the ankle-biters among his critics. I only wish his interviewer, Nigel Andrews, had put directly to him and not just to us his judge-ment that the latest Ridley Scott movie Black Rain is let

down by a B-movie script.

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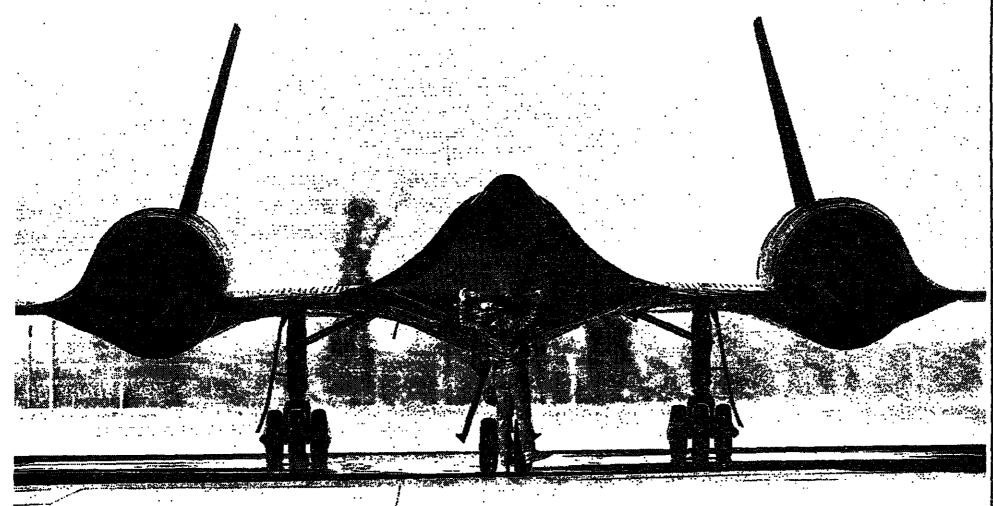
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An American ground crew member kissing the SR-71 "Blackbird" goodbye yesterday as it prepares for its final take off from RAF Mildenhall in Suffolk for its home base in California, flying at more than 2,000mph. It will be retired there. The SR-71's reconnaissance operations have been discontinued after budget cuts and the improvement in East-West relations.

Stalker's friend cleared of fraud

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to Mr Taylor's bank accounts. Judge Sachs ordered the guilty verdicts on Mr Taylor and three others accused of defrauding the Co-Operative

The court had been told that Mr Stalker had been investigating the killing by police of six terrorist suspects, five of them unarmed, in Armagh in 1982.

In the autumn of 1984, Mr Stalker discovered the existence of M15 recordings of two men being shot dead by RUC

Mr David Hood, for Mr Taylor, told the court that within a month or two of that discovery, Manchester police set up a drugs intelligence unit, and in 1985 it began to investigate Mr Taylor.

In early 1986, Sir John Hermon, then Chief Con-stable of the RUC, was instructed to give Mr Stalker access to MI5 tapes, but during March and April, Sir John did not attend arranged meetings with Mr Stalker.

home was searched in what Mr Hood suggested was "little nior policemen." more than a smokescreen" for an investigation into Mr considering a civil claim for which Mr Stalker attended. as the tool to do it."

"with a fairly extensive crim-

Five days later, Mr Stalker suspended and removed from the Ulster inquiry. West Yorkshire police were called into investigate allegations that he had associated with known criminals.

Greater Manchester police authority subsequently re-instated him, warning him to "be more circumspect about his political and criminal associations". He resigned in January 1987.

At his home last night, Mr Stalker, 50, said of the collapse of the trial: "I am pleased but I am sad it has taken so long for Kevin Taylor to walk into the sunlight.

He said that had the trial reached the defence stage, he would have given evidence next week. The premature folding of the case saved some embarrassment at very senior level in the Manchester police," he said.

Asked who he blamed for the whole affair, Mr Stalker replied: "It has to be those at On May 9, Mr Taylor's senior senior cabinet level with the involvement of

Mr Taylor, aged 57, who is Stalker. A photograph album compensation, said: "It has taken from the house con- proved that they were out to tained pictures of a party get Stalker and they used me

Rebel tour of South Africa

Cricketers fly out despite protests

The 16-strong party of English cricketers, led by Mike Gatting, left for their unofficial tour of South Africa last night, ignoring appeals from anti-apartheid groups which continued right up until their departure.

A photocall given by the

team at a Surrey hotel was broken up by three protesters. One of them, Miss Karen Talbot, handed Gatting a letter from Mr Bob Hughes, Labour MP for Aberdeen North and chairman of the London-based Anti-Apartheid Movement. It contained "one final appeal" to abandon their

was interrupted by a single players' reaction to threats of apartheid campaigners. On to leave,

ting. Another group of protesters had gathered at Heathrow Airport when the players arrived for their flight to Johannesburg.

Gatting confirmed that he had not signed his tour con-

Leading article. Troubles to come ...

tract. He also admitted that, in other circumstances, he would prefer to be taking part in the official England tour of the West Indies, which begins next week.

Mr David Graveney, the Later, a Press conference tour manager, explained the

beings and we are obviously concerned. But the South African Cricket Union has invasion of the Lords pitch by always held our safety as paramount." Gatting yesterday success-

fully challenged a last-minute legal threat to the launch of the controversial tour when the High Court in London decided he and fellow tourist John Emburey were free to join the rest of the tour party.

Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Nolan overturned a magistrate's order that the two former Test stars should appear as witnesses at the trial later this month of eight anti-

violent disruption of their Monday, both men were matches. "We are human served with witness summonses obtained by the defence in connection with an protesters last August. The two cricketers believed

the campaigners had insisted on their attendance in court for "an improper motive" -

The trial is not due to start until January 25 - meaning Gatting and Emburey would have missed the opening game against a Combined Bowl XI at Kimberley on January 26.

Today's High Court ruling came less than an hour before the party's 6 pm flight was due

Lt "Smoothie" Gould appeared to have captured at least some of the injured Tories but, in the smoke of

again. However reports from Ankara, where Turkish authorities are watching the 390mile frontier with the Soviet Union anxiously, said they could not confirm that the

said that all Moscow's forces should leave Poland before the end of this year.

negotiating directly with Moscow the terms for a Soviet

Patten springs two concessions

Continued from page 1 a speech lasting about an hour.

Many of these were deeply hostile with MPs complaining bitterly about levels of grant to their councils and projected community charge levels.

told Mr Patten that the the grant formula. community charge was flawed from the start and nothing would repair it. He should

was "fundamentally incorrect much ministerial alarm at and fundamentally flawed." Sir Alan Glyn, MP for Windsor and Maidenhead,

astonished his colleagues by Mr Ralph Howell, Conser- demanding further con-Mr Patten's speech

constantly interrupted by Conservative critics and with the Conservative whips the Government's majority of changes, saying that the poll Mr James Pawsey, MP for anticipating that the Governover 140 dropped to 17 on the tax system would be seen to be Rugby and Kenilworth, said ment would scrape through in

the formula for calculating the voting lobbies by no more grants to individual councils than 13-20 votes, there was how close a call it might prove for the Government. Mrs Thatcher can normally com-

In the 1979-83 Parliament the Government's then majority of 40 was once cut to eight on a Finance Bill committee stage vote and once in 1985 "top people's pay" issue.

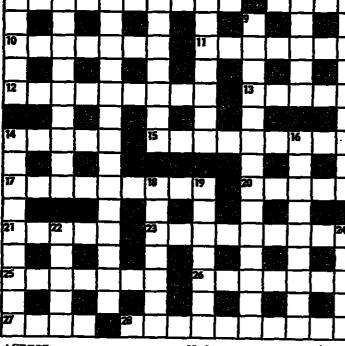
Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, was asked to rephrase his remarks after accusing the Prime Minister of deceit over the poll tax. He charged the Govern-

At Question Time yesterday

ment with incompetence bigger than those promised by ministers and called the tax 'absurd and dishonest". Mrs Thatcher defended the

border was closed. withdrawal.

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- 1 In this case, the object of the action is made clear (10).
- 6 Swimmer in underwear abandoning the lake (4). 10 Know how to reverse in long
- 11 General drawback of islands (7). 12 Skin deep inner grime is con-cealed (9).
- 13 Bilingual agreement on the
- 14 Material given to the troops? (5). 15 Endure defeat in the final resort
- 17 Count up the notes, then visit the official receiver (9).
- 20 Resolution to drain the depths

21 Plant in chimney surround (5).

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- 23 One who applauds the champion royal title-holder (9). 25 American schedule for putting
- on a little weight (7). 26 Advertisement about Green movement makes one cross (7).
- Performance held inside, due to bad weather (4). Free, single in Paris, and careful
- in the extreme (10).
- 1 Split by an old quarrel in Switzerland (5).
- Resumed unnoticed movement
- The prince's rotten country? 4 Metal support for article - jolly
- hot (7).
- 5 Dances without one's bags! (7). 7 Arab terrorists question one fi-
- nally (5). Sponsor of the drag turn-out (9). 9 Domesticated by marriage, according to Stevenson (9,5).
- 14 Decorated so-called cocktail with top of pineapple (9).
- 16 Fixed so-called pegs to the lines of washing (4-5). 18 Australian vagrant, usualiy loaded (7).
- 19 Hold fast to measure the length of a cricket pitch (7). 22 Back shortly, bearing rope's end
- Redecorated nearly half the disco in colour (5). Concise crossword, page 18

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard GITANILLA a. A Vermouth cocktail b. A gypsy c. A Nile sailing boat HUTIA . L. The hog-rat L. A dwarf climbin

v. A dwarf climbing perennial c. Melanesian shell barter **EDDISH** a. An old Nordic lang b. Second growth grass c. Oceanic turbulence SKELDER

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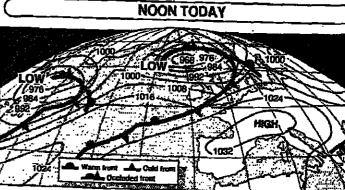
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clude it in "Next Week's Inevitably, Jim Sillars of the SNP, raised the matter of alleged homosexual activities among certain Scottish "Disgraceful" growled half a dozen senior Scots Labour MPs, whose hatted for the SNP is so fathomiess that they will even spring to the defence of the Scottish establishment if it is Sillan

Sir Geoffrey was dis inclined to comment. Indeed the whole thing raises more questions than this exchange answered. Is it really true that Scottish judges have been frequenting gay bars? One has beard of being "called to the Bar", but called to a gay bar? And would a Scottish judge

who is attacking.

Commons sketch

Battle of poll tax:

Not many hurt

behind enemy lines. As the smoke clears this morning

Times readers may have a

better picture than - at the

time of writing - your comes

During a full in battle, Sir

Geoffrey Howe was brought on to entertain the troops in a

routine they call "Business

Questions". This is an excuse

for any member to raise any

issue he or she likes, under

cover of the excuse that they

are asking the Leader of the

House (Sir Geoffrey) whether

there might be time to in-

pondent enjoys.

"An élite Irish police unit shot and wounded three of its

own men in a siege after a

bank robbery" reported The Times, under the headline

"Crack Irish police shot each

On Thursday afternoon at

Westminster crack Tory min-

isters from the environment department faced allegations

that they had opened fire

mistakenly on millions of

their own supporters. The

debate was headlined "Local

government finance" - or (in

the quality press) "Commu-

The crack team got off to a

wretched start when its Commanding Officer shot

herself in the foot at nineteen minutes past three. Under

pressure from snipers on the

opposition benches she misread the crib-notes set out on her "yellow card" by aide-de-camp, Lt Ingham. She called

her battle-plan "poll-tax".
"Ooh! Ooh!" squealed the entire Labour Party with

delight General Thatcher has always refused to accept that

expression. Junior officers have had their mouths

washed out with soap and

water for less. The Principal

Sniper, Neil Kinnock, looked

delighted. A victory at last!

And all done with replica

weapons, for he has no

serious policies of his own. Later, Captain "Chris" Patten, under cover of a few

thin salvos aimed at oppo-sition positions, tried to lead

his own troops on to safer

It was a pitiful sight. Not

"walking wounded".

Dickens

for nothing were they called

Saddleworth) was on crutches

while Sir Nicholas Bonsor

(Upminster) had one arm in a

black sling. James Pawsey-(Rugby and Kenilworth)

moaned that entire shire

counties had been taken out

by the Government's own

missiles: the deadly "SSAs"

(standard spending assess-

ments). Tory moans filled the

air and interruped Patten's

speech. Would he get enough

of his men to the safety of the

aye lobby by zero hour at

10.00pm last night? Labour's

battle, numbers were unclear

and government whips with

stretchers were seen making

ground.

Geoffrey

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nity charge"

know what a gay bar was, or whether he was in one? And did they wear their wigs? The explanation one of these great men was reported

as giving for his conduct was that he had entered such a bar, and rushed out again, in moral outrage at what he saw Little wonder! "Hoots!" he must have explained, "This place is full of Scottist

What the Prime Ministe thinks of all this is anyone's guess. She has enough on her plate tracking down all those runaway fathers, as she promised yesterday at Question Time. Later, in the poll-tax (oops!) debate, Bryan Gould

did at least exonerate Chris

Patten. "These are not" said

Gould "proposals of which

he (Patten) is parent. This is not his baby." Some moments earlier. Mr Kenneth Baker had slipped quietly out of the Chamber."

Matthew Parris

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Market report, page 26

Macarthy sued by ex-chief

Macarthy, the pharmaceuti-cals wholesaler, was yesterday served a writ by its former chamman, claiming damages, immediately in front of the group's results for the year ended September. Mr Ian Parsons, the chief executive, confirmed that Mr Nicholas Ward - until last August Macarthy's chairman and chief executive - had served papers on the company.

Macarthy reported pre-tax profits of £6.5 million (£6.1 million) on a turnover of £333.4 million (£379.4 million). The final dividend rises from 7p to 7.5p, payable on April 9, making 12.5p (11.5p).

There is an extraordinary charge of £2.02 million below the profits line, associated with UniChem legal moves, reorganization of manufacturing and other items. Macarthy's shares were 7p weaker at 229p.

Tempus, page 22 STOCK MARKETS

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TOURIST RATES

Ferranti dives after last suitor pulls out

Ferranti International shares plummeted 10p to end at a record low of 26p after Thomson-CSF, the French defence group, became the last suitor to formally withdraw from the bidding for the defrauded British defence and electronics

Thomson, the last of about a dozen companies which examined making a bid for Ferranti, said it was continuing talks on a di-visional level but was making the announcement to end the offer period started last October when it and British Aerospace said they

were considering making an offer. Even though BAe said it was no longer interested, Thomson was still obliged by the takeover rules to pay at least 57p a share — the price the two companies paid in an afternoon raid to net about 1 per

cent of Ferranti. The French group, however, said it reserved the right to "re-open its consideration of a bid" if circum-

stances changed. Traders said turnover of 18 million shares was the highest seen for at least two months. They said the volume of trade indicated speculators fled the stock after the possibility of a bid had disappeared before the 25p-a-share rights issue on February 5 to raise £187 million. However, Sir Derek Alun-Jones. Ferranti's chairman said: "The

removal of an implied bid threat was helpful. We are continuing talks with a number of parties, including Thomson, about collaboration and asset sales."

Thomson this week has met with executives from Ferranti Defence Systems and Ferranti Computer Systems to discuss joint ventures. The managing directors of these divisions, Mr Ron Dunn and Mr Bill Brockhuizen, are expected to join Ferranti's main board As expected by the market for

depend on a £187 million rights issue to shore-up its finances by paying some of its short-term debt owed its 30 banks. The banks will only renegotiate the company's borrowings on this basis.

While no surprise, Thomson's official withdrawal will take some of the edge off Ferranti's negotiations with potential investors. The company has been battling

to stay independent after discovering a £215 million hole in its assets caused by a complex fraud by staff in its US-based subsidiary International Signal & Control.

ISC cost Ferranti more than

some time, Ferranti will now £500 million when the two companies merged in 1987. At the time about £140 million had already been siphoned out of the company through bogus defence contracts.

Ferranti has issued writs to try and regain \$197 million (£119 million) from Mr James Guerin, its former deputy chairman, who was also the founder of ISC in Pennsylvania, three other ISC executives and five, now defunct

Panamanian companies. The company is expected to issue a second wave of writs within the next couple of days targetted at Peat Marwick McLintock, ISC's auditor at the time of the merger,

and several other ISC executives based in Lancaster, Pennsyvania.

Ferranti's major attraction for potential investors is the possibility of winning the £2 billion radar contract for the European Fighter Aircraft. Despite speculation that recent events in Eastern Europe may result in the cancellation of the contract, Sir Derek said he was confident the project would go ahead.

Yesterday Smiths Industries announced its consortium had won a £45 million development contract to manufacture avionic systems for EFA that could lead to £450 million in production contracts.

NAB to pay £976m for Yorkshire

National Australia Bank, the third biggest in Australia, threatened a strong foreign challenge in British retail banking yesterday by announcing the purchase of Yorkshire Bank for £976.5 million. NAB, which also owns Scot-

land's Clydesdale Bank, Ulster's Northern Bank and the National Irish Bank, becomes the United Kingdom's eighth biggest bank in terms of profits and seventh biggest in terms of outlets. NAB paid £876.5 million

for the ordinary share capital and £100 million for the subordinated loan capital to become the leading foreign player in the UK retail market. By the time the deal is completed, NAB will pay about £1 billion after paying interest from January 1 on the purchase price.

The vendors, a consortium cent), Lloyds Bank (20 per cent) and The Royal Bank of Scotland (8 per cent), said they

Lord Alexander of Weedon, NatWest's chairman, said the consortium had opted for a private auction because it gave them more control over Yorkshire." the deal and a better price than

Battersea

payment

dispute

By Our City Staff

Sir Robert McAlpine, the

building contractor, is moving its plant off the troubled

Battersea Power Station site in

south London after a dispute

over non-payment with the

developer, Mr John Broome.

The contractor, which went private late last year, refused to comment. But it is thought

to be claiming between £15

million and £20 million from

Mr Broome's Alton Group for

Sources close to Mr Broome

indicated that McAlpine could

expect payment at the end of

next month. The company

stopped work on the site,

which Mr Broome wants to

develop as a huge theme park,

in March last year as costs

It is now dismantling huts

and removing its construction

equipment but will retain a token presence. Mr Broome

now intends to add a large

office and conference element

to the site to increase its

began to sour.

potential for profit.

the work done at Battersea.

they would have received if of Yorkshire's 250-strong Yorkshire had been floated. branches meant NAB now had Mr Nobby Clark, NAB's about 700 retail branches, chief executive, said York- concentrated mostly in Scotshire had been on NAB's land and the north of England.
"wish list" for about seven Mr Graham Sunderland.

years. He said it was "a lean and hungry bank, just like us, and just as stringent on its controls." The Australians first en-

from Midland Bank for £420 million. Since then, they have injected much-needed capital into those operations and in-

creased their profitability to record levels.

Comment...

NAB paid 13.8 times earnings for Yorkshire or 21/2 times received several offers for book value. This compared their estimates.

Miss Alison Denchars, banking analyst with Smith New Court, the broker said: "The price is very good if you compare it to the 12.6 times earnings Alliance & Leicester paid for Girobank, which is a much weaker institution than

group formed last July by

transatlantic merger, wants to sell its Boyril and Marmite

brands which go back to near

The Ambrosia range of

prepared rice and other des-

The move comes as it still

trying, so far unsuccessfully, to sell off its cosmetics di-

vision whose brands include

Analysts suggested that the

value of Bovril, Marmite and

Ambrosia - even though meat

and yeast spreads are no

longer a growth market -

Mr David Lang, the leading

would be at least £80 million.

food analyst at Henderson Crosthwaite, said: "The prof-

its contribution of the three

brands could be about £20

million, and with the right

new owner, like a dry goods

grocer, much of that could go

the turn of the century.

Yardley and Lenthéric.

serts is also for sale.

SmithKline to sell

famous old brands

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

SmithKline Beecham, the given economies such as in

above £100 million.

But the big question is how

far such products, which have

especially on the Continent.

year to last March they ex-

ceeded £80 million. The operation is said to be profitable.

for the three brands are the

three biggest food companies

- Nestlé, Unilever, and Philip Morris through its General Foods and Kraft subsidiaries.

brands because it wanted to

concentrate on health-related

products, and so would keep

Lucozade, Ribena and Hor-

SB said it was selling the

Among likely contenders

Lucozade to pharmaceuticals distribution.

Yorkshire's general manager, said he was looking forward to "an acceleration of the branch network's expansion."

Sir Rupert Clarke, NAB's tered the UK retail market in chairman, said: "We are a 1987 when they bought retail bank and we believe in Clydesdale Bank, Northern each bank in our group operating in their own individual markets, within their own units with our support."

He pointed to the way Clydesdale and Northern banks had "flourished" under NAB's ownership and added: 'We don't want to be the biggest in the UK, we want to be the best."

Yorkshire since it was put up with 14.3 times earnings for Clydesdale. Analysts said the NAB and a joint offer from of National Westminster Bank price paid was reasonable, Dresdner Bank and BNP were (40 per cent), Barclays (32 per albeit closer to the top end of the serious contenders.

Speculation that NAB would not be able to find the cash because of its exposure to Mr Alan Bond's group of companies was dismissed by Mr Clark who said his bank had just filed a document with the SEC in the US saying NAB's net exposure was Aus\$280 million (£133 million), all of Mr Clark said the addition which was secured debt.

Sir Peter Gibbings, Anglia's chairman, left, and David McCall, chief executive yesterday

Anglia TV rises to £18.5m

By Martin Waller

the skills of one of its long-standing non-executive directors, the film producer Mr David Pettnam, next year as it enters the last phase of its bid to regain its franchise.

The company reported pre-tax profits ahead from £16.0 million to £18.5 million in the 12 months to end-October, on the back of a 14 per cent rise in advertising revenue. A final dividend of 6.4p makes a total increased from 7.75p to 9p.

Mr Puttnam, through his Enigma Productions company,

Anglia Television Group, the will produce for Anglia a mented: "We would anticipate ITV contractor, is drawing on the skills of one of its long-the ITV network. At least one the way it has in the past." is a historical drama based on events in this century.

> Since the financial year end it had expanded further into local radio, said Sir Peter Gibbings, chairman. It now has stakes in four stations in its catchment area, but there are no present intentions to buy into a network outside the

Anglia area. Sir Peter said airtime sales had turned down towards the end of last summer as the another TV company." economy slowed. He com-

Anglia has put in place its own form of "golden hand-cuffs" aimed at locking in essential management beyond the start of the next franchise round. But Sir Peter, in a reference

to the controversial LWT (Holdings) scheme, promised: Nobody will walk away with anything near the sort of figures that have been talked about in connection with

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Lowndes rescue talks continue

By Gillian Bowditch

Directors of Lowndes Queensway, its bankers and lawyers were last night battling to save

the troubled furniture group. Many in the City believe the company to be on the brink of insolvency if it does not receive an urgent £70 million injection of new capital.

Meetings have been going on all day and most of the night this week and negotiations were expected to continue until early this morning.

An announcement is expected today which will contain news of the resignation of Mr James Gulliver, Lowndes' chairman and the man behind the £450 million buy-in of Sir Philip Harris's furniture empire 18 months ago. A source close to the company said: You have no idea the number of parties involved and the jobs at risk. The situation is extremely delicate."

According to last year's report and accounts the average number of employees at

Comment.

the group was 5,834. But many other jobs, including those in furniture manufacturing, depend on Lowndes. It is believed the Lowndes

board and the syndicate of banks involved in the buyout e spirt as to whether or not the company should accept the rescue package - its second in six months. Lowndes shares were suspended at 8.5p last month

when the £70 million package was approved "in principle" with its bankers. At the time Mr Eddie Dayan, managing director, called it a "once for all solution" but there have been fears that Lowndes may find life difficult even with the rescue package.

If the group does accept the £70 million equity and non-yielding convertibles package the directors' options and incentives will almost certainly disappear.

Last week Mr Gulliver resigned as chairman of Broad Street, the public relations group, after France's BDDP acquired 29.9 per cent.

"If there is anything like an auction the price might well go Allied Textile's £7.6m agreed

Allied Textile has made a £7.6 million agreed offer for carpet maker Hugh Mackay. Allied, which already has 29 per cent, is offering 100 Allied shares for every 285 held, valuing Mackay at 127p a share - a 5.8 per cent premium over the 120p mid-market price of

native of 117p. Accepting shareholders will receive a 3p interim in lieu of a final. Mr Paul Briggs, managing director of Mackay, resigned after the announcement. Allied expects "satisfactory" results for the year to end-September.

appealed particularly to Eng-lish tastes, could be exploited in other culinary cultures and bid for Mackay When Beecham bought the three brands from Genérale Occidentale in 1980 sales stood at £47 million. In the

Mackay shares on Monday.

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RPI expected to show rise to 7.9 per cent Labour costs fuel City inflation fears

straight to the bottom line licks in its portfolio.

By Colin Narbrough Economics Correspondent

Inflationary pressure from the continuing fall in unemployment are starting to ease, but the City remains concerned about the threat to inflation posed by the latest figures on unit wage costs. Government figures yesterday showed the downward trend in unemployment easing and average earnings growth steady.

The Retail Price Index, out today, is expected to show prices rising at an annual rate of 7.9 per cent last month, up from 7.7 per cent in November. The pound gained 0.3 on its trade-weighted index to close at 88.1. It ended 2.37 psennigs up at DM2.8089, but shed 35 points against the dollar at \$1.6460.A better-than-expected Wall Street opening helped London shares to recover from the day's lows, allowing the FT-SE 100 to close 37 down at 2,336.9.

Department of Employment figures

showed unemployment up 27,000 last came out in line with City forecasts, month on an unadjusted basis, but showing a 9.25 per cent annual rise in falling by 17,000 after seasonal adjustment to 1.64 million - the smallest monthly decline for three years. This cut the unemployment rate to 5.8 per cent from 5.9 per cent in November. Government statisticians now es-

timate the trend fall in seasonally adjusted unemployment at a monthly 20,000 to 25,000, down from 30,000, suggesting that the 41-month decline in joblessness will soon be at an end.

An increasing number of economists believe that, given the rising level of pay settlements, an increase in unemployment will be necessary to cure inflation.

The labour market's softening could also be seen in a 1 per cent fall in hours worked in November, when overtime hours were the lowest since August 1987. Average earnings figures for the whole economy, also for November, showing a 9.25 per cent annual rise in November, unchanged from October. Although financial markets were calmed by the average earnings figure,

data for third-quarter productivity and unit wage costs alarmed economic analysts. The markets remain worried about the level of pay demands, especially the Ford workers' rejection of a Mr Stephen Bell, UK economist at

in the third quarter, from 8.7 per cent in the previous quarter, as "disastrous". The rise in unit wage costs is the highest since the second quarter of 1981. The rise in output per head slowed

sharply in the third quarter to stand only 0.6 per cent above the same quarter last year, giving the lowest productivity gain since the first quarter of 1985.

10.2 per cent offer. Morgan Grenfell, described the 9.6 per cent year-on-year rise in unit wage costs

British Gas finds oil at Beckering

Oil has been found by British Gas at a new onshore drilling site at Beckering, 10 miles north-east of Lincoln and near the existing BP Welton onshore field. A test well drilled to more than 5,000ft will now be suspended. Tests produced oil at 120 barrels per day plus minor amounts of gas. Subject to ning consent, it is expected that a long-term test will now be undertaken to evaluate commercial feasibility.

The licence is 190 per cent owned by Gas Council (Exploration), wholly-owned by British Gas which discovered Britain's largest onshore oilfield at Wytch Farm in Dorset. Its interest was sold off by the Government prior to

Boots names chairman

Boots, the pharmaceuticals and retailing company, has named Sir Christopher Benson as the group's new chairman. He will take over at the group's annual general meeting on July 26. Sir Christopher – who became a non-executive director of Boots in April last year — will succeed Mr Robert

Mitie ahead at £276,000

Mitie Group lifted pre-tax profits to £276,000 (£76,000) in the half-year to Septe on turnover of £7.4 million. There is again no interim dividend, on eps of 4.9p (3.7p). The board hopes recent acquisitions, Mitie Cleaning & Maintenance and Multicote Painting Con-

Denmans up to £2m

growth in the electrical wholesale busin unans Electrical, the Unlisted Securities Market electrical wholesalers, belied it to a 24 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £2.67 million in the year to end-September, on turnover up 24.2 per cent to £34.1 million. Earnings per share rise by 34.8 per cent to 33.55p and the final dividend is improved from 3.05p to 3.85p, making 5.4p for the year, up

There is an exceptional credit of £328,000 and an extraordinary gain of £66,800. Following a property revaluation and record retained earnings, total net assets increased by 43 per cent to 189p per share. The shares climbed by 7p to 215p.

Bonus issue offer at NFC

NFC, the former Nation Freight Consortium bought from the Government in 1982, are being offered a bonns issue of one new share for every two held, subject to approval at the annual meeting on February 25 in Blackpool. NFC is also planning an ADR listing on the American Stock Exchange.

United News in £24m buy

United Newspapers has moved into the Dutch trade exhibition market with the purchase of Mentor Marketing Services for up to £24 million. The vendors warrant that pre-tax profits of £2.95 million will be made this year. Initially, United will issue 4.5 million new shares to be placed at 425p each on

TEMPUS

Anglia's success is based on more than just Survival

grammes on which it based much of its early reputation, Anelia TV continues largely unchanged by the upheavals

in the television industry. It has a cautious foot in the satellite camp through its small founding stake in BSB, and a growing array of strate-gic stakes in local radio networks in its area which cannot, under existing rules,

be expanded into full control. But Anglia has ruled out any innovatory diversification into other areas, leisure-related or otherwise, preferring to pin its hopes on a successful bid for its franchise. It is, therefore, stacking up its cash to that end, with some £24 million in the bank at the October 31 year end, despite another £9 million invested in BSB that month.

This cautious, even stodgy approach, continues to reap rewards. Pre-tax profits rose 15 per cent to £18.5 million, helped by a 14 per cent advertisement revenue rise, against a per cent industry average. Although some flattening-out is inevitable, Anglia is conident it can retain market

Although programme sales in this country doubled to £10.6 million, in the US they were virtually static. Anglia's defensive qualities have been recognized in a sec-

tor strewn with hazards. The shares command a relatively high rating, although have suffered with the rest as percep-tions of the risks facing TV companies have heightened They dropped just 3p to 259p. Profits this year will in-

evitably be hit by a higher exchequer levy but should be about £18 million, leaving the shares on a multiple of 9.3

Like the Survival wildlife pro-times' future earnings, with the prospective dividend yield about 5 per cent.

In a sector which includes such expensive follies as TVS's acquisition of MTM, sticking to your last can be a positive virtue. There looks to be little downside at this level.

Stanley Leisure/ Allied Leisure

not prevented people from spending more than £100 a night in Stanley Leisure's provincial casinos; nor has it stopped them eating at Allied Leisure's Jazzbo Browns restaurants after bowling at a 30 lane 10-pin MegaBowi.

Both fast-growing leisure oups emerged unscathed from the consumer spending downturn, reporting interim results ahead of forecasts.
Allied, the USM out-of-

town leisure complex group, reported an 83 per cent pre-tax profit rise to £942,000 for the six months to end-December, with eps up from 2.46p to 4.91p. Full-year profits of £1.7 million (£950,000) are expected, with £3 million pencilled in for the following year as a return of more than 25 per cent of the group's £10 million-plus capital expen-diture on its MegaBowls and Tower Park leisure complexes comes quickly on stream. With its shares up 1p to 86p, it is trading on 9.6 times

Over at Stanley Leisure, Mr Leonard Steinberg's betting and casino group which earlier this month bought 8 provincial casinos for £10.7 million from Leading Leisure, pre-tax profits were up 74 per cent to



Iau Parsons: aiming to make up for lost ground at Macarthy

£4.22 million in the half-year to end-October, with interim earnings per share up from 8.94p to 9.58p and the divi-dend up from 1.75p to 2p. Stanley's steadily-growing income stream from its 17 provincial casinos has in-

sulated it from the spending downturn afflicting London Mr Steinberg plans to buy about 100 more betting shops

from a number of sellers. "There is no sign of any drop in the spend per head now £3.30 - or the number of bets," he said.

Stanley, trading at an 8 per cent premium to the all-share index at 243p but still seen as a

"buy" given its defensive qualities and strong management, is expected to report a significant rise in full-year pretax profits from £5.1 million to £8.65 million, putting it on a prospective p/e of 12.1

Macarthy

Macarthy could have done without the legal wranglings that have darkened its life

The fight with UniChem over that company's share scheme accounts for part of a £2.02 million extraordinary item charged below the line in should be no rush to buy.

another transfer from reserves

has been made. Now, Mr Nicholas Ward, former chairman and chief executive whose resignation was not unconnected with the

consequences of the UniChem

battle, has served a writ for unspecified damages. Tough conditions in its market place may be partly to blame for Macarthy's unexciting performance in the year to end-September when pre-tax profits edged forward by only

6 per cent to £6.5 million. But management's eye not being fully on the ball must also have played a part, and if the time devoted to solicitors had been more usefully de-

ployed, then results might have been more respectable. That profits crept forward on a 12 per cent fall in sales demonstrates some management success, however, and the final dividend rises from 7p to 7.5p, payable April 9, making 12.5p (11.5p).

Macarthy plans to make up lost ground under chief executive lan Parsons and is concentrating on the bones of its business. Matters needing attention include gearing — an effective 60 per cent and a net interest charge of £2.31 million, up from £1.73 million; an improvement in wholesaling margins; and higher visibility

on the retail side. Pre-tax profits could nudge forward to £7 million this ar, and the shares down 7p at 229p have the support of a yield of 7.3 per cent. However the p/e at 13.2 is looking some way ahead. Until the interim report demonstrates the recovery - and barring renewed takeover speculation - there

Two buys in America for growing Blenheim

By Philip Pangalos

Blenheim Exhibition Group the acquisitive Unlisted Ser. urities Market exhibition and conference organizer, is mak-ing two further acquisitions in America - for £11.93 million.

In one deal, Blenheim is buying, for \$15.3 million, Bobbin International, which organizes the Bobbin Show for the American clothes mann. facturing industry, and Bobbin Media Corporation, publisher of trade magazines complementing the show.

The companies, which are both based in South Carolina made pre-tax profits of \$1.52 million in the year to end-December 1988, with com-bined assets of \$349,000 at end-September 1989.

Blenheim has also acquired Spectrum Shows, which organizes consumer-oriented ranchise and business opportunity exhibitions in Califor-nia, for up to \$4.2 million. Mr Neville Buch, Blen-

heim's chairman, said that the company was committed to controlled expansion in the United States through selective acquisitions. The purchases add another ndustry sector to Blezheim's

expanding portfolio and will help to raise its profile in America, the world's largest exhibitions market. The shares slipped by 10p to 980p.

Pillsbury cash Pillsbury, Grand Metropoli-tan's US offshoot, is investing

\$140 million (£85.1 million) to improve quality, reduce costs and enhance customer service at its three bakery products businesses over 18 months. It will result in the loss of 1,300 jobs, mostly in 1991, which will be offset by the creation of up to 800.

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Avon revises profit after business sale By Jeremy Andrews

to consolidate the results of its loss-making Motorway tyre distribution business, the bulk of which was sold to Sumitomo Rubber last year. As a result it is revising its pretax profits for the year to September to £12.5 million. from the £12.2 million reported eight weeks ago.

The additional £280,000 raised earnings per share from 41p to 42.6p, but Mr John Bradbeer, Avon's former fidecision to revise the profits was "totally unconnected" with the news that Trelleborg, the Swedish group with rubber and plastics interests, has

taken a 4.8 per cent stake. The shares sank back 22p to 508p, but remained 80p above Mr Bradbeer thought that the setback was connected with did not intend to bid at

Avon Rubber has decided not present. He said that he could not comment further on Trelleborg's position before a

Figures reported in Decem ber had not been audited and, at that stage, Avon had had a different understanding of its obligations under the Companies Acts and accounting standards than had emerged in discussions with auditors, Mr Bradbeer said.

In a statement, Avon said that the disposition of the Tyres and Accessories prevented the company exercising significant influence over it, and, accordingly, Motorway, although a related com-pany, should not be accounted

for as an associated company. In May, SP Tyres, the British subsidiary of Sumitomo Rubber, paid Avon £22.2 million for a 70 per cent stake in Motorway and a 20 press reports that Trelleborg per cent stake in Avon's tyre manufacturing business.

Rockfort in profits warning

By Matthew Bond

Lack of tenant interest and the virtual withdrawal of United Kingdom institutions from the property market lie behind yesterday's profits warning from Rockfort, the development group.

Mr Roger Smee, the chairman, gave warning that "activities in the second half of the of 1989 are not expected to generate a substantial addition to profits already reported for nouncement knocked shares down 9p to 46p.

In the first half, Rockfort made £2.8 million pre-tax profits. Analysts who had been forecasting about £11 million for the whole of last ear, hastily reduced their

forecasts to about £3 million. Rockfort's December yearend left it particulalry vulnerable to the mini-collapse of the property market in the final three months of last year.



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COMMENT David Brewerton

Bankers battle to keep

Lowndes on the road

ankers, lawyers and directors were once again closeted at Chart-erhouse last night battling to find

a solution to the near insoluble, the debt

burden heaped upon Lowndes

Queensway. Wisely, perhaps, they were

doing their best to keep the twists and

turns of the negotiations out of the

public gaze, although before much

longer the owners of the business, the

shareholders, will have to be told

whether their investment is saved,

If it were just a matter of shareholders losing their investment, worth 8.5p a

share, or a total of £27 million, when the

shares were suspended in December,

then there might not be too much of a

problem. Shares are, after all, risk capital. Similarly, if it were simply a

proportion of their loans that might be

lost, the bankers might find the loss

preferable to putting in fresh cash, which would, after all, be at risk from

But there is more, much more, to

Lowndes Queensway than numbers on the balance sheet. The company em-

ploys about 5,000 people, who would

lose their jobs if it closed its doors for

the last time. In the furniture manufac-

turing business, having just as tough a

time as the retailers, the loss of Lowndes

would be serious for all, and terminal

for a few. The same is true of the carpet

Then there is the whole question of

confidence. Lowndes is not the only

buyout suffering the pains of over-gearing, and all of them depend upon

banking finance to survive. Failure of

one of the Kings of the Buyout Road

could bring down others, and then there

would be more losses, more jobs gone

and more stresses and strains among the

suppliers. The ripples would extend into

the property sector, where a major

space-user would disappear in a market

already over-supplied, putting pressure

on developers, in turn rebounding on

For all those reasons, it is to be hoped

that a solution is found. On strictly

financial criteria, if the market is to rule,

it may rule Lowndes into oblivion. But

this country has not seen a substantial

business failure for many years, and

while it would give satisfaction to many

to see the greed-driven buyout con-

signed to history, this would not help all

those relying upon Lowndes for their

Yorkshire conundrum

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are two options for Galerias -

Mr Nelson Peltz, joint managing director of Mountleigh, has brought in McKinsey, the has brought in McKinsey, the results.

Dy Matthew Bobu

Peltz and Mr May own 22.5 chunk as 100 per cent of the one-exclusive business. He is one of many people we would results. management consultant, to help him decide what to do with Galerias Preciados, the with Galerias Preciados, the Mountleigh business, but company's Spanish depart-

ment store group. Mr Pettz has given the consultant a month to come up with advice on the group's future, but a straight sale of Gairies — which analysts £400 million - has already been ruled out.

plans to devote 100 per cent of his time to it by June when he before. The interim dividend can move his family here from New York.

In fact, yesterday's interims cover the last six months of Galerias — which analysts the ancien régime of Mr Tony bave reckoned could be worth Clegg, the former chairman who stepped down last been ruled out.

November after selling his stake to Mr Peltz and his partner, Mr Peter May. Mr

portfolio, where Mr Peltz says pared to £24.8 million in the equivalent period the year Mountleigh's management has now identified the buildof 1.25p a share is being ings it wants to sell. Assisting maintained. Below the line, a in this disposal programme will be Mr Paul Bloomfield, £4 million write-down reflects the continuing impact of Mountleigh's abortive apthe man credited with much of the success of the company proach to Storehouse in 1987. during the Clegg era and who now owns a 29 per cent stake According to Mr Peltz there

in Benlox.

Bookie buys in offing

either float it or keep it. "We "Paul Bloomfield is provid-may end up keeping as big a ing transactions for us on a

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ing much of Mr Peltz, noting that he and Mr May paid 200p for his shares in November, compared with Mountleigh's current price of 157p. Mr Peltz is aware of the pressure for Mountleigh to do a big deal, to show the direction it will be moving in post-Clegg. But he will not be rushed. He said: "For me to put everybody out of their misery with a deal that is not a great one would be foolish."

Levitt buys back stake from LIT

By Jon Ashworth

Mr Roger Levitt, founder of the financial services group which bears his name, is buying back a 33 per cent stake held by LIT Holdings for £16 million cash.

The deal, subject to shareholder approval, follows a dispute between the two groups over their strategic direction. The differences had been brewing since LIT's surprise decision to purchase Johnson Fry, its rival, in January, 1989.

Mr Levitt, who will see his share in The Levitt Group rise to 84 per cent if the deal is approved, denied that there was any clash with LIT. "We are very grateful to them for helping benchmark the value of the group at a time when financial services were strug-

gling.
"However, the decision to nurchase 100 per cent of Johnson Fry came as something as a surprise."

Mr Levitt suggested LIT may have been more favourably disposed towards Johnson Fry since it accounted for a greater slice of group business. Either way, the alliance "didn't quite make sense."

Mr Christopher Castleman chief executive of LIT, said there was no longer any commercial logic in holding the Levitt stake.

He said: "Johnson Fry is a direct competitor of The Levitt Group in financial services, and the idea of a strategic alliance was dead. LIT has far too much bank debt, and we are actively pursuing any options which will help us reduce it."

LIT has given warning that it expects to report a deficit in the second half of the current year because of losses in its US futures and options concerns.

auction, shows why. Yorkshire may be a clean, successful bank. But the sale price rating of 13.8 times' earnings compares with 7.3 for Abbey National and 8.7 times' slashed earnings for TSB, which went the alternative route of flotation. NAB had special reasons for wanting

Yorkshire. It had bought Clydesdale and the Northern of Belfast from Midland cheaply but needed to fill these out by expanding into England. It will now make about £220 million pre-tax in the British Isles for a purchase cost of about £1.4 billion and have neatly built 30 per cent of its profits offshore in short order and without upsetting cultural problems.

But there is no reason to think the take-out price was out of line with acquisition values for medium-sized banks here or in North America. So the City is left with the conundrum of working out why the bid premium for a bank, apparently about 100 per cent, is so ridiculously high. But perhaps the real mystery is why bank shares are so lacklustre, even after a rare recent rerating: NatWest, for instance, was unchanged despite making a £190 million book profit on the Yorkshire deal. Barclays sells at 6.5 times' stable earnings.

One enduring problem is that institutions have held all the bank shares they need for years and still fear more rights issues. Another is that the City is acutely aware of every problem hitting the banks, from Third World debt to NatWest putting in twice as many receivers in 1989 as in 1988. The steady rise in dividends is ignored. This rubs off on to the likes of Royal Bank, Bank of Scotland and TSB, which should really be rated alongside medium-sized continental banks and not be dragged down by the despised groups of Lom-

High-handed Halpern

r Ralph Halpern should re-think his refusal to disclose the size and recipients of a discretionary payment last year to senior executives of Burton Group including himself. Sir Ralph remained silent while his company secretary told the annual meeting that he was "not obliged to do so." Nor indeed were shareholders obliged to approve a share option plan, now looking rather generous, by which Sir Ralph stands to gain mightily. For better or worse they did so. The annual report makes no specific mention of this discretionary payment let alone why it was thought necessary. If Sir Ralph persists in his refusal, his advisers should remind him who owns the company and suggest that such high-handedness might be redressed on the board.

Standard issues profits warning

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

the international banking group, shed 12p to 551p after Mr. Rodney Galpin, the chairman, gave a warning that 1989 pre-tax profits before exceptional provisions were not expected to reach the previous year's £313 million.

· He blamed problems in Britain and Australia and Brazil's failure to pay interest on debt. Leading stock-brokers, several of whom had been forecasting £350 million or more, quickly downgraded

Smith New Court now estimates £300 million, before exceptional items of £222 milion made at the interim stage; mainly to downgrade problem country debt.

· Bozzil failed to meet interest payments in September, Un-less there is a change of mind, it could cost Standard Char-tend about £25 million in annual interest on its \$454 million (£276 million) exposure.

In a circular to shareholders outlining the group's previously announced property sales and the part-sale of its further caution over problem continental operations to country debt.

Shares in Standard Chartered, the international banking Mr Galpin said that while group, shed 12p to 551p after much of the business was still performing well, trading since June "has been affected by the difficulty experienced by certain customers in the United Kingdom in meeting their obligations as a result of continuing high levels of interest rates."

The group had also suffered from "problems affecting much of the corporate sector in Australia."

The increase in provisions in these areas is understood to reflect general caution rather than a few individual defaults. Standard Chartered is thought to have lent up to £300 million to Bond companies in Australia, but to have greater security as an earlier lender than other international banks.

It has also been involved in four large management buy-outs in Britain, including MFI and Magnet, but has followed a policy of syndicating any large single exposures.

City analysts drew some comfort from the lack of any

Yorks Water deal

By Our City Staff

tion since privatization.

Maurice Yates, who has in- industries. vented a metering device to pump through a new company, Advanced Energy Monitoring chemicals, mining and steel.

Yorkshire Water is investing Systems. The "Yatesmeter," £250,000 in a joint venture to 50 of which are already in use save energy in pumping sys-in the water industry, is an tens in water and other electronic device to measure in the water industry, is an industries, its first diversifica- pump efficiency faster and more accurately so as to save It has teamed up with Mr energy costs in heavy process

Yorkshire hopes to expand efficiency, the business into other pumpusing industries such as petro-



Leonard Steinberg: not interested in acquiring more casinos

Stanley tops £4m

casino group which recently dropped out of talks for the Mayfair casino club Aspinall's, said it has no interest in acquiring more casinos but plans to soon buy about 100 more betting shops.

Stanley's pre-tax profits to 4.91p. The interim jumped 74 per cent to £4.22 was 1.1p (0.55p). million for the six months to

Stanley Leisure, Mr Leonard end-October. Interim earnings Steinberg's bookmaking and per share rose from 8.94p to 9.58p, and the interim dividend climbed from 1.75p to 2p. At Allied Leisure, pre-tax profits for the six months to end-December jumped 83 per cent to £942,000 while earnings per share rose from 2.46p

successful brother, the Yorkshire Bank.

TatWest, Barclays and Lloyds, whose continuing independence is effectively guaranteed by the Bank of England, showed no inclination to afford any such privilege to their The £1 billion price paid ambitious National Australia Bank,

RETIREMENT INCOME PLAN - RETIREMENT INCOME PLAN Halpern's salary comes under fire

daily bread.

ton group over the past three years and the salary of Sir Ralph Halpern, the chairman, came under fire from shareholders at the annual meeting.

Burton shares fell 9p to 204p when Sir Ralph annonneed that sales growth from the beginning of Septem-ber until last week was up 8.5 per cent on the same period last year. Like-for-like sales growth is likely to be considcrably less than that.

One shareholder reminded

The performance of the Bur- Sir Ralph of his five-year plan, presented to shareholders three years ago when they were asked to approve the controversial share option scheme which could have given Sir Ralph £8 million but was cut back to £2.5 million after protest from institutions.

million by year five. Instead those who run our country."

down from £224 million for this financial year.

Sir Ralph said then that the targets for the company were to increase profits by £40 million in year one, £50 million to £60 million in year banked on the "mini-recestwo with profits of £400 sion brought on in part by

under £15 million in year two. Analysts are expecting profits of about £200 million,

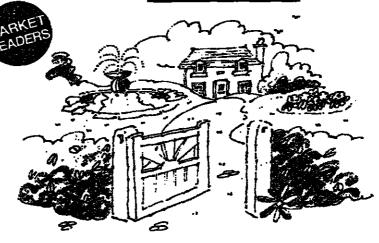
The shareholder wanted to know if the five-year plan was simply to help get the option scheme approved.

Sir Ralph said when the tarbanked on the "mini-reces-

profits had risen by £30 mil- Another shareholder asked lion in year one, and by just about the one-year discretionary payment paid to certain senior executives, including Sir Ralph, on the advice of Mercer Fraser, the consultant. Sir Ralph's salary fell from £996,000 to £899,000 and would have fallen further had it not been for the payment.

Sir Ralph refused to reveal the size of the payment and gets had been set no-one had said the group was not obliged to do so. He said motivating the management correctly was part of the group's philosophy.

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Diet time for

two-meals One of the biggest men in the

City in girth if not in reputa- is getting smaller. Robin Bonham-Carter, uncle of film actress Helena Bonham-Carter (star of Room with a View and Lady Jane) is leading 30 of his colleagues at Gerrard Vivian Gray, the Stockbroking subsidiary of General and National, on a sponsored diet in the hope of raising £5,000 for the Leukacmia Research Fund at the Hospital for Sick Children. Great Ormond Street. Aged 54, Bonham-Carter, started his diet a week ago, weighing in at 21st 71b and has lost a sione already. He intends to him his weight to 17 stone within six months. The rest of the dieters will begin cutting down on February I and will have to have reached their larget weights one month later. "He doesn't look that fat because he's so tall — about 6ft 2ins - but he is a big man, says Bonham-Carter's loyal secretary Karen Jarvis, who is determined to lose one stone. Bonham-Carter, the marketng manager at GVG, has been known as the Great White Hunter ever since his return to Britain from South Africa three years ago, and is also

rith a new nick-name soon. Golden space Ian Reed, chairman of Trilion, the television facilities and Preduction group, is clearly a

Quick learner. It is after all lit-



Blue bloods floored

test, which started several weeks ago with 27 teams of four, reached its climax on Wednesday, when the final was played amid much excitement in the buttery - Caz-

educations of the stockbrokers And it was won, not by any of at Cazenove, the so-called blue the bright young blue bloods, blooded firm of the City. An but by a team led by office in-house Trivial Pursuit conservices manageress Diana Pinn with a messenger and two all questions like Who plays Deirdre Barlow in Coronation Street?"," said one young broker, defensively.

tle more than a year since losses rather than the programmes it made - won its David and Goliath battle with Olympia & York, the private company run by the brothers Reichmann whose corporate wealth runs to billions. This week Reed revealed how the £25 million O&Y paid for Trilion's six-acre studio site (it stood in the way of the £3 bil-As usual when job losses are



lion Canary Wharf develop-Trilion - then known for its ment) had helped Trilion return to profit and to a studio complex in Wembley. Any chance of another property deal? "Funny you should ask that," says Recd. "because there is this rather large car park ..." Reed hopes that, with planning permission, the car park could be worth £5 million - the same as he paid for the complex last May.

> allowed to become a long, drawn out affair, everyone knows before the hapless, soon-to-be redundant workers. Citicorp Scringeour Vickers. which, shortly after 5pm on Tuesday, officially broke such news to 140 London-based employees, was no exception. For one former CSV man tells me that he realized that his name must be on the list when. at about 4pm, a courteons colleague in the firm's logistics division telephoned to inform him that she had been instructed to stop his office copy of the Financial Times "with effect from tomorrow."

Sleeping passenger

mous for reasons which will he finally boarded a homearrived at his destination. He

him safely to his front door. Live stock Last night's edition of the

man securities house - who has asked to remain anonybecome all too obvious - tells me that one evening last week, after a particularly long and tiring day (and the odd swift drink with office colleagues) ward-bound train on the District Line, intending to disembark at Southfields. The motion, combined with the warm still air, quickly sent him off to sleep and he failed to awake when the train slept blissfully on as it pulled in and then out of the next stop, Wimbledon, the end of the line. By the time he eventually came to, the latenight tube had reached its final stop at Upminster - at the opposite end of the District Line. This well-travelled passenger quickly calculated that he was by now some 38 stops away from home and then discovered to his horror that it had been the last train that night. "It's just as well that Mansion House is shut or it would have been 39," quips one close friend, who also reveals that the said banker was then forced to fork out almost £30 for a taxi to take

Yorkshire Evening Press conlisted in the live stock column.

A young banker with a Ger-

tained a "for sale" advertisement for a "Ladies real lambskin jacker. £50." It was

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US and Japan bolster

Smiths wins contracts for European fighter

tracts in defence avionics for system, worth £6 billion. multi-function displays to inform pilots, has won a series of avionic systems in the European Fighter Aircraft (EFA) EFA contracts. project, which should lead to production contracts worth about £450 million.

With most of the awards, Smiths is part of European consortia and the Smiths share eventually is expected to exocod a third of the total. It has partners from West Germany, Italy and Spain, which, with Britain, are the countries behind the EFA project.

funded have gone to con-sortia, in most of which Smiths is project leader or pechnical leader with design authority. Smiths should benefit from about a third of their afte. The systems involve not only multi-function "head-down" displays for pilot information, but cockpit est supplier. glare shields and engine copind units.

developed by BP and the state

power station in Cheshire.

Smiths industries, which has still appears to be a front sheady gained some big con- runner for the EFA radar

Mr Roger Hurn, chief executive of Smiths, said the development contracts for company was confident of securing further "significant"

> Most of the new work will take place at Smiths factories at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire; Basingstoke, Hampshire; and Putney, south-west London.

The company's biggest share will come from the head-down displays, which have been sold also to Mc-Donnell Douglas.

If the EFA project were Development contracts dropped - there are suggesworth £45 million and fully tions that West Germany might pull out in the wake of political changes in the Eastern bloc - Smiths would not entirely be the loser because British and German defence authorities would still need a new-generation, agile fighter for the late 1990s, and Mc-Donnell Douglas is the likeli-

Mr Hurn said: "Even if Germany did pull out, there is One disappointed rival for such a head of steam behind prophy of avionic systems is the EFA that it is likely to go beleaguered Ferranti, but it ahead anyway."

A million tonnes of Ori- shoot of Petroleos de Ven- Wallis, PowerGen's chief

PowerGen's decision to en-

to be imported by PowerGen BP Bitor, a joint venture term contract will make pos-following trials at its Ince between BP and Bitor, follows sible a bigger burn and enable

trials in 1988 when a single

ing conditions were difficult,

but expected improvement in

The shares lost 5p to 93p.

the second half.

Half-time profits leap

by 236% at Jarvis

further significant progress days to about £1.25 million.

More tests by PowerGen on new fuel



Roger Hurn: confident of more contracts for aircraft project.

programme which will con-

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men deposits in the Orinoco

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Soundtracs | slips to £751,000 By Our City Staff

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Pre-tax profits at Soundtracs, the USM audio equipment group, slipped from £822,000 to £751,000 in the year to November 6, on turnover up 10 per cent at £4.01 million.

The decline in profits comes after the company decided to write off research and development costs of £95,000 in the current year.

Earnings per share are reduced from 5.32p to 4.86p, and the final dividend is 1.35p, against 1.5p last time, making an unchanged total of 2.2p for the year.

Soundtracs makes computerized sound consoles for recording studios and broadcasters and exports more than 85 per cent of its products, with customers in the US, West Germany and Japan. It was confident, it said, that

the creative marketing approach taken, particularly in North America, would precipitate far stronger sales. Mr Anthony Roberts h been appointed as financial

director, replacing Mr Stephen Garbutta who now becomes a non-executive director. Analysts feel the profits are of good quality and are pos-

itive about the overall situa-tion despite a difficult British and Hong Kong market. The shares lost 4p to 41p.

Symonds rises

profits from £131,000 to £223,000 in the six months to end-September, on sales up from £2.23 million to £2.83

0.816p to 1.42p and the interim dividend is improved to 0.45p, from 0.3p. There was an extraordinary profit of £54,000 on the sale of

ties between markets Tokyo (Reuter) - US and Japanese regulators have strengthened and updated procedures for keeping in close contact during stock At the end of a day of talks with Japan's finance ministry, Mr Richard Breeden, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, said

our procedures so that we can be in instantaneous and continuous communication in times of market stress, either in the US or Japan," said the The ministry asked Mr

Breedon about the impact of computer program trading on Wall Street during last Octo-There were signs, it said, nese counterparts. that such trading had played a

bigger role in recent market Mr Masahiko Kadotani. director general of the Securities Bureau, said computer from foreign companies. program trading had played a

Breedon: 'Stability critical'

last year and the beginning of Program trading was likely to increase gradually in Japan,

Mr Breeden welcomed Ja-

relatively large role in the increased volatility of Japanese share prices at the end of

he added, noting that foreign securities companies had been more active than their Japa-

pan's plans to open up its domestic investment trust business to direct competition "We recognize that process in 1991.

needs to be reciprocal," he

added. The SEC was ready to propose changes in legislation in the United States governing mutual funds to improve the ability of Japanese investment trust companies to compete in

the US, he said. But the willingness of Congress to go along with this would depend on the progress made in removing the bigger barriers to foreign com-

petition in Japan. Mr Breeden said discussions among major nations on a common capital standard for securities companies were at an advanced stage.

"Capital adequacy is a very important part of building a stable framework for our marketplace.'

He also said the two sides had discussed ways of moving toward a system that would allow companies to issue shares simultaneously in the US and Japan.

But, he added, that was a long-term goal that might not be achieved this year or even

Peking to enter HK market

and Investment Corp, Pe-king's investment arm in Hong Kong, has struck a strategic takeover deal to give

its assets a public listing.
It is taking over Tylfull, a Hong Kong company with property and textile interests, with Tylfull first acquiring CITIC's 38 per cent stake in

market turbulence.

countries.

SEC's chairman.

ber's mini-crash.

moves in Japan.

stability of markets was a

critical priority for both

"We updated and reviewed

Dragonair. The move allows CITIC, a private company, to gain access to the colony's stock market without having to seek

a public listing for itself. It also paves the way for the acquisition of Hong Kong Telecom, the subsidiary of

CITIC is negotiating a 20 per cent interest. Mr Larry Yung, CITIC managing director, yesterday hoped the Hong Kong Tel-ecom deal would be finalized by the end of the month.

Under the proposed offer, Tylfull will acquire Dragonair for HK\$374 million (£29.5 million), and then CITIC will buy 49 per cent of Tylfull after disposal of Tylfull's textile

The Chao family, the owners of Tylfull and founders of Dragonair, will retain a 13 per ment held by a Chinese com-

The China International Trust Cable and Wireless in which of the share capital will be offered to the public.

Cathay Pacific, the Hong Kong airline, and Sware Pacific, its British parent and Dragonair's second largest shareholder, together hold 35 per cent.

The flurry of activities by CITIC in recent months show Peking's desire to increase its economic domination of Hong Kong businesse

It is estimated CITIC's acquisition of Dragonair, and its planned Hong Kong Telecom deal - the biggest ever investcent minority interest in the pany in the colony - will cost listed company while the rest about HK\$10 billion.

His offer of dinner

Orimulsion, an emulsion of burner was modified to allow 70 per cent heavy oil and 30 burning of 200 tonnes of per cent water, has been developed and produced in Venezuela by Bitor, an off- the station last year. Mr Ed will take the form of full scale trials involving the burning of one million tonnes of Orithmetal at the station last year. Mr Ed will take the form of full scale trials involving the burning of one million tonnes of Orithmetal at the form of full scale trials involving the burning of the station last year. Mr Ed will take the form of full scale trials involving the burning of the per cent heavy oil and 30 burning of 200 tonnes of will take the form of full scale trials involving the burning of the per cent water, has been developed and produced in the station last year. Mr Ed **Davenport Vernon**

multion, a power station fuel ezuela, the state oil group.

oil company of Venezuala, is ter into a further contract with

By Philip Pangalos

rises to £2.47m

Despite difficult market con- 16.8p to 14.3p. As anticipated ditions, Davenport Vernon, at the interim stage, there is a the Home Counties multi- final dividend of 3.5p for the franchise car dealer which year. came to the market last March, saw pre-tax profits 6 per cent and used cars by 2 edge ahead from £2.43 million per cent. Service climbed by 9 to £2.47 million in the year to end-September, while turnover advanced by 19.1 per forecourts advanced 4 per

cent to £90.2 million Mr Ralph Denne, the chairman and managing director, 79 per cent, although commer-said the operating divisons cial vehicles fell 20 per cent improved their performance due to the closure of Bedford with an increase in gross profit, up 9 per cent to £7.48 million, demonstrating the group's resilience to tougher

Earnings per share slip from

By Our City Staff

Profits continue to rise at

Jarvis, the building contractor

and property dealer, as it reaps

the benefits of the reconstruc-

tion programme started more

Pre-tax profits surged by 236 per cent to £1.07 million

the six months to end-

September, on turnover, boosted by acquisitions, advancing 75 per cent to £35 million.

Earnings per share rose from 3.6p to 3.8p and the

interim dividend is improved

The Victorian supreme court

cent stake in the Harriet oil field for about US\$36 million

(£21.9 million).

than two years ago.

lo ().825p (().75p).

Air France to raise £2.6m for

executive said: "Results,

though encouraging, have not been conclusive. This long-

sible a bigger burn and enable

The next stage of evaluation

us to look closer at the fuei."

Paris (Reuter) - Air France the state-owned company said New car profits increased by it will raise about Fr2.5 billion (£2.64 million) on capital markets to help finance the per cent, while parts were 13 purchase of a majority stake in per cent ahead and petrol Union de Transports Aeriens

Air France said it would pay cent. Engineering saw the about Frobillion francs for the greatest improvement, rising 54.58 per cent stake it ha agreed to buy in UTA from Chargeurs, the holding company, plus the 17 per cent privately held. Mr Denne said current trad-

About Fr2 billion would be funded by existing credit lines and available cash resources, Fr500 million from unspeci fied asset sales and Fr2.5 billion on capital markets.

The company said it would go to the market for Fr2.5 billion, with an issue of bonds, investment certificates or other formula.

Air France has agreed to pay Chargeurs Fr4.083 per UTA share and guaranteed the same price to private shareholders. Chargeurs has also reserved the right to sell its remaining 28 per cent in UTA to Air France at a later date.

Air France said the Fr2

billion necessary for this 28 per cent stake, if Chargeurs sold, would be paid in at least two tranches in 1991 and 1992 but it had not been decided how this sum would be raised.

owned, is forbidden to raise capital via new ordinary voting well. Average contract values have increased from ing shares but may issue up to 25 per cent of its equity capital said the first six months saw about £750,000 in the early in non-voting investment

to £223,000 Symonds Engineering, based in Hertfordshire, lifted pre-tax

Earnings per share rise from



AS NOTHING, DARLING."

Proceeds must be held in separate account

Bard: reorganization pays off

with both divisions perform-

Bond wins court approval for Harriet oil stake sale

From David Tweed, Sydney

judge presiding over the Bond receivership case yesterday gave court approval for the Bond group to sell its 57.7 per Mr Hulme claimed Bond Brewing had a seek-charge responsibility over the Harriet receivable and that the US debenture holders also had to give their consent to the sale.

The sale of Bond Corp's The US debenture holders share in Harriet, off the coast came only second to the banks of Western Australia, was in the settlement of debts but announced last November. the NAB-led bank syndicate Settlement of the sale had could be responsible in New York "if it were seen to be a been extended until today but Mr Peter O'Callaghan, coun-

party to a legal breach of the loan and credit agreement." sel for the receivers, told Mr Justice Beach that unless the Mr Hulme said the bank syndicate — which has an Aus\$880 million (£419 milcourt approval was gained mamediately, the entire deal lion) exposure to Bond Brewing – was well disposed to the Bond brewing is involved sale of the Harriet oil field because it has a charge over stake but foresaw major loan Bond Corp's Harriet assets.

agreement breach difficulties Legal arguments by Mr SE Hulme, QC, for the Nat-ional Australia Bank (NAB), if the sale went ahead. Mr Justice Beach said the that the sale could be a breach matter was complex but Of the disputed loan and credit commonsense dictated that consent be given to the Bond broment, and that the proceeds should be used to reduce Brewing receivers and man-

were overturned by Justice He ordered the sale proceeds to be held in a separate interest-bearing account "and not dispersed without a court

Mr O'Callaghan told the court earlier that Mr Tony Oates, a Bond executive, had suggested the amount due to Bond Brewing would now be US\$36 million rather than the \$42 million previously expected. In other developments

Bond Corp was preparing to send a huge legal bill to the West Australian State Government Insurance Commission (SGIC) after a decision yesterday by the West Australian supreme court that the commission must pay the full costs of its unsuccessful bid to wind up the Bond

Bond's legal team was delighted yesterday that Mr Justice lpp had ruled that it should receive all reasonable "indemnity costs" for its court bank debts of Bond brewing agers for the sale to go ahead. defence - that is, its full costs.

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STOCK MARKET Share prices hit by fears for bonds

The equity market's roller-coster performance is continuing with prices again beating a ragged retreat. Investors have been worried all this week about events in Tokyo and New York, but yesterday the bond market dragged shares lower with investors concerned about rising

Government securities ended with losses stretching to £1 at the longer end — for the second day in a row. Dealers say that the gap between the yields on equities and bonds is the biggest for some time and that a correction is inevitable at some stage

A sharp mark-down by market-makers produced a few sellers although turnover generally remained depressed with only 450 million shares traded. The slide continued, accelerating before the start of trading on Wall Street where traders were predicting heavy falls ahead of the publication of the latest consumer price figures. But the Dow Jones industrial average managed to reduce an opening fall of 25 points in early trading. This enabled the FT-SE 100 index to close off the bottom with a drop of 37.0 points at 2,336.9, having been 47.7 down. The FT index of top 30 shares lost

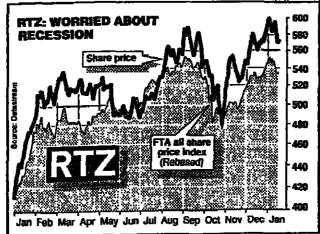
30.9 to 1,864.4. Ferranti added to the market's depression, tumbling 942p to 3742p as Thomson-

nounced that it had withdrawn from bid talks. This withdrawal follows a similar move last month by Daimler, the West German group. Thomson is still exploring areas of co-operation with the troubled electronics group. Last week. Ferranti announced details of a £187 million rights issue and said that it is still in talks with three possible partners.

GEC fell 5p to 232p in sympathy with Ferranti, while Smith New Court, one of the few publicly-quoted marketmakers, which suffered a hefty trading loss on Ferranti following the collapse in the share price last year and is

Not everyone was sed by the launch of STC's new range of ICL computers, UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, said it is on sale in the US and should have no long-term implications for the group. P&D still rates the shares down 5p at 268p, as a sell. now taking legal action, lost

5p at 94p. Among the leaders, Lucas dustries stood out with a fall of 13p to 639p. Analysts, already worried that profits have been hit by the recently resolved Boeing strike, now fear the repercussions for the



Sastchi & Sastchi, the troubled advertising agency, fell 11p to 231p after confirming that it had lost a \$70 million (£43 million) corporate advertising account with Prudential Corporation of America. But the group would not comment on reports about iob losses in London, The US account has been won by the rival Lowe Group, down 7p at

British Gas fell 7p to 221p despite the news of an oil find off the Lincolnshire coast. There is talk that Warburg Securities has downgraded its profit forecasts. Standard Chartered, the

group if the Ford dispute was another depressed marescalates. GKN fell 11p to ket, falling 11p to 552p after also worried about giving a warning that pre-tax profits this time would fall short of last year's £313 million.

The group blamed bad debts in Britain, corporate problems in Australia - BZW, the broker, remains a thought to be related to the seller because it thinks the Bond Corporation - and the suspension of interest payments by Brazil. The price and has recently downgraded closed above its worst because some dealers believe that this latest setback for the group makes it even more vulnerable to a bid.

The rest of the banks sufffered small falls in scrappy trading cushioned by details of the proposed sale of the Yorkshire Bank. National Westminster, unchanged at Smith New Court Analysts international banking group, 350p, owns 40 per cent of the are also worried about the

at 558p, owns 32 per cent, copper price.

Mountleigh, the property Lleves, 5p cheaper at 297p, 20 per cent and the Royal Bank of Scotland, 2p lighter at 201p, 8 per cent. Falls were also seen

group, slipped 1p to 160p after announcing a drop of £4.4 million to £20,4 million in pre-tax profits for the six months to October 31. Wellcome remained under a

in Midland, 4p to 371p, Bank of Scotland, 2p to 116p and Abbey National, 3p to 177p. Worries about the effects of cloud, retreating by a further a recession sent RTZ tumbling 4p to 728p in the wake of this week's recommendation from 22p to 549p. The mark-down was prompted by the news of the US Food & Drug Adminthe drop in earnings at Alcoa, istration that the dosage of the world's biggest aluminium Retrovir, its anti-Aids drug, smelter, which accounted for a should be halved. The pharmaceuticals team

large part of the 33-point fall in the Dow Jones industrial at Barclays de Zocte Wedd, average on Wednesday. RTZ the broker, says that recent also has big interests in tests have shown that Retrovir aluminium and dealers fear can be just as effective with that the downturn in the smaller dosages. Its earnings industry will take its toll on forecasts have taken into account a gradual reduction in dosage levels during the next

Note the heavy turnover in Asda Group this week, with But the US recommenda-28 million shares traded. tion is likely to quickly affect the way the drug is admin-BZW, the broker, remains a istered in the US and this will shares, down 3p at 112p, are be reflected in profits. BZW too dear on fundamentals now expects to reduce pretax profits by £40 million to a profits forecast. But the Belzbergs continue to hold a 5 around £380 million.

The recently-privatized water shares were not spared in the shake-out. Only North West managed to make any headway, adding 1p to 156p, while Weish closed all-square

Michael Clark

Nikkei retreats in • volatile dealings

(Reuter) - Prices closed can't see the bottom of the broadly lower after another bond market right now and day of volatile trading in which they fluctuated in a

range of almost 500 points. The Nikkei index sank to 36,729.46. Late index-buying by foreign brokers lifted the index from its lows.

the discount rate, caused a fair amount of the selling. Volume slipped to 530 million shares against 550 million on Wednesday. A Bank of Japan official said he knew of no plans to make any further changes in the discount rate.

Mr Shigeru Akiba, the head

A weak bond market was

the main worry but a listless yen and political uncertainty 91.68 points, or 0.25 per cent, also helped dampen trade. A market analyst said: "Investors will be hesitant to do much buying before the elec-Falling bond prices, spurred tions." Lower House elections by talk of another increase in are expected on February 18. ♦ Hong Kong — The Hang Seng index closed 16.83 up at 2,771,67. The broader-based

Hong Kong index advanced 10.88 to 1,820.05. • Sydney - The All-Ordinaries index finished 7.7 up at 1,682.8. • Frankfurt - The DAX in-

dex closed at 1,779.40 - 23.08 trader at UBS Phillips and dex closed at 1,779.40 - 23.08 points, or 1.3 per cent, down.

NEW YORK

Dow makes early rally

WALL STREET

(Renter) - The Dow Jones eral market improved as well, industrial average was off 11 although it was still lower. points at 2,648.13 in early Digital Equipment's protrading after being down 18 points at the opening. Technical support and bargain buying were responsible for much of blue chips' recovery from opening lows. The gen-

Jan 18 Jan 17 Inidday close

Digital Equipment's profits dip and a 0.4 per cent rise in December consumer prices

were as forecast. • Singapore - The Straits Times industrial index fell 0.22 of a point to 1,532.82.

Premier in tests on new well

By Our Energy

Results from a deep well drilled by Premier Consolidated Oilfields, the British independent exploration company, are being analysed to discovered can be commercially developed.

The Beechnut oil reservoir found at a depth of 15,216 feet 144 miles east of Aberdeen by Premier has produced 1,173 barrels of oil a day from one well while on test.

Premier will be the operator if the project goes ahead. It has a 22.4 per cent stake

in the field.

The rest of the field is held by a number of companies. Fina holds 24.2 per cent. with Neste Exploration and Hardy North Sea holding 18.2 per cent and 13.1 per cent

The Petroleum Corporation UK holds 9.9 per cent, Oryx UK 7.9 per cent, and Ranger Oil 4.3 per cent.

Yamani calls for co-operation between producers and consumers

Saudis deny breaching Opec quota



By David Young, Energy Correspondent Saudi Arabia has denied it is January has fallen by less than

per cent stake.

profits. County NatWest

WoodMac, the broker, was quick off the mark in

downgrading its profit esti-

mates this week. It was fol-

lowed yesterday by a rival,

Petroleum Exporting Countries oil output quota. The official Saudi Press

Agency said the kingdom continued to abide fully by the quota, agreed last November. SPA said speculation about breach followed a report from a London oil consultant that Saudi Arabia's production capacity would reach 8.5 million barrels a day by 1992.

A Government source said: 'Saudi Arabia's constant petroleum policy is based on Opec decisions. It tries to balance supply and demand based on moderation in all things whether related to a production ceiling or price fixing."

Continued strong demand on the world oil markets could slow down the pace of the introduction of the latest Opec agreement on output according to several oil traders.

breaching its Organization of the 1.5 million barrels a day expected, Petroleum Intelli-

gence Weekly, the New York newsletter, has discovered. Nigeria and Abu Dhabi have both cut their output so far this year, but cuts by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have yet to be seen in the market place. North Sea Brent crude is still trading at just over \$20 a barrel and demand for oil

products on the Rotterdam spot market is continuing to keep petrol prices up. The general price rise is also affecting non-Opec oil export in order to stabilize the price prices, with Egypt deciding to of oil at a level that the conraise the price of its export oil by 75 cents a barrel for all

Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the architect of Opec policies that sent the world oil price up in the 1970s and London this week that there countries' governments as Opec production during operation between the oil- which oil has to be sold."

producing countries and those which are oil consumers. Sheikh Yamani, the former

Saudi Arabian oil minister, is

no longer officially involved in Opec or in Saudi Arabian oil policy making, but his appearance in London indicated his continued importance in world oil politics by attracting many former Opec oil ministerial colleagues and chief executives of most of the leading oil companies.

He said: "The lessons of the nast decade call for sensible and realistic policies by Opec sumers do not find intimidating and the producers are comfortable with. But this is not enough. A dialogue aiming at new contractual arrangements is needed between Opec, the multi-national comdown in the 1980s, said in panies and the consuming should be a new climate of co-shapers of the environment in

Yamani: 'The lessons of past decade call for sensible policies' Loss of £280.5m at Hydro-Electric

By Our Energy Correspondent

for a privatized company

This was due, said the com-

pany, to a mild winter which

affected demand, increased

nuclear operating costs and

the fact that price increases

were held well below the

The North of Scotland Hydro shares the costs of the installa-Electricity Board has announced a loss of £280.5 million, after meeting its share of costs in the nuclear power station network run by the South of Scotland Electricity

The loss, which compares with a £10.2 million loss last time, also includes a £35.6 million write-down on coal stocks beld under the joint generating agreement with the SSEB.

The Board, which has been renamed Hydro-Electric in preparation for privatization, will have its balance sheet substantially restructured by the Government when it is vested for privatization. On a current cost basis it made an operating loss of £5.7 million last year compared with a profit of £28.7 million the

It does not own any nuclear or coal-fired power plant but inflation rate.

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eats in ... Gatt talks vital for saving world trade system, says Ridley

The outcome of the "Uruguay Round" negotiations on freer world trade, due for completion this year, could well determine the survival of the multilateral trading system, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said last night.

The talks, held under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for the past three years, offered the best opportunity to put right the deficiencies in the present system of world trade, he said.

Addressing a Royal In-stitute of International Affairs conference in London, Mr Ridley said that it was essential to clear the ground as much as possible in the early part of this year, or there would be too much left for the firmi negotiations in Decemher and the chance of agreement would be missed.

He said that an effective mainisteral tracing system must service because a retreat into protectionism could lead to a collapse in both world made and output.

The mess that the Eastern

Ridley: warning over talks control, but also 40 years of protection which had ensured that their products were uncompetitive, Mr Ridley said. He welcomed the Soviet

Union's request for observer status at the Gatt. The Uruguay Round, named after the country that hosted the opening talks, is trying to widen trade liberalization beyond manufactures to services and

Mr Ridley said that, al-though Britain's views on the Uruguay Round were trans-mitted through the European Community, the Government was underlining the value of European economies were in opening up markets and not only reflected stifling state would ensure that the EC's

agricultural goods.

to the outside world.

Having led reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, Britain recognized that freer trade in farm products was

Furthermore, it had concluded that various voluntary restraint agreements which had existed for some manufacturing industries imposed a net cost on the economy that could not be justified for more than a relatively short period.

Mr Ridley said that some countries had become increasingly reluctant to observe Gatt rules. Some, notably the United States, tended to use unilateral sanctions in

Miss Joan Spero, senior vice-president of American Express, said that freeing services — particularly financial services — might be the Achil-les Heel of the round. While she saw a strong

agreement on services as critical to the success of the round, she said developing countries opposed the inclusion of financial services because they regarded national control as a central tool in development and feared that their institutions could not compete with

Eagle Trust | Designs on expansion with £1.4m to cut debt with sale

By Jeremy Andrews

Eagle Trust, the engineering and film camera company, is selling is Manchester builder's merchant outlet to BMSS.

Eagle owes £99 million to its banks and the move, which will reduce indebtedness by £4.7 million, is in line with the strategy of Mr David James, the chairman, of disposing of non-core businesses.

BMSS, also a builder's merchant, is paying £2.18 million for Grundy & Pilling, C Scott and freehold trading prop-erties occupied by Grundy. It is also repaying inter-com-pany loans of £536,000 and relieving Eagle Trust of the busi-nesses' £2 million overdraft.

The move is a large step for BMSS, which is capitalized at only £9.3 million with its shares at 128p. Part of the cash has come from a placing of 700,000 shares at 122p by Al-bert E Sharp and £500,000 is being temporarily withheld until the accounts for the year to December have been final-

Siemens move

Siemens has applied to the Federal Cartel Office to take over Nixdorf Computer, a move announced by the company last week. A Siemens spokesman said the company expected to make its application to the European Community authorities next week.

Colefax and Fowler ahead

ior design group which has de-corated the Bank of England and Backingham Palace, increased pre-tax profits by 98 per cent to £1.42 million on turnover which more than doubled to £13.2 million (Ste-

phen Leather writes).

menths to end-October and the interim dividend is being raised from 1.1p to 1.3p.

Overseas earnings now account for more than 40 per cent of the group's profits and ing to open a representative Mr David Green, chief exec-office in Paris. Italy and Spain utive, said the company plans are the fast-growing markets, Earnings per share rose 22 to increase the percentage. said Mr Green.

by 36 per cent on the same period last year," he said.

is the group's largest market and the company is negotiat-

Wehmiller makes £9m aerosol purchase

By Sam Parkhouse

Barry Wehmiller is to become the world's leading aerosol machinery company by the acquisition of Melville Engineering from the Melville Group for £9 million in ordinary shares.

The purchase of the Melville aerosol-filling equipment business, to add to its US interests, will leave Wehmiller commanding a 40 per cent share of the world market, said Mr Stewart Brown, the chief executive.

Mr Edwin Bisset, Melville Group's chairman, said the engineering business is being sold to free financial resources for "exceptional growth prospects" in Carlton Building Services — which is Europe's largest exhibition contractor and the Melville Construction

In a separate deal, Wehmiller is buying Manesty Machines from Renold for £6.75 million, also in ordinaries. Manesty is the sole British maker of machines to press and coat tablets for the pharmaceutical industry.

Wehmiller is financing the acquisitions by issuing 7.07 million new shares at 280p. Wehmiller's shares, which have risen 10 per cent in the last month, lost 9p to 305p while the Melville Group gained 8p to 133p on the news.

Lloyds Abbey Life has record year for new business

By Our City Staff

Lloyds Abbey Life, the group comparison with 1988, which created by the controversial was a poor year for the single £1.1 billion merger of Abbey Life with Lloyds Bank's Black Horse life assurance and estate agency subsidiaries, has re-ation with Abbey Life had ported record new business improved the more important growth for 1989.

Regular premium life assurance business rose by 15 per per cent to £40.2 million. cent to £172 million, while single premiums increased by 43 per cent to £492 million, boosted by the strong pensions market last year.

Mr Michael Hepher, chaircouraging is the large rise in sales of the life and pensions products of Black Horse Financial Services - evidence of the growing relationship with Lloyds Bank."

creases came in sales of single premium pensions at Abbey Life, where the 347 per cent growth to £152 million accombined group. However, to £8.3 million in the the the rise is flattered by Republic of Ireland.

premium business.

The company was heartened by signs that the associregular premium business at Black Horse, which rose by 16

Against that, analysts pointed to the lowly 4 per cent rise to £103 million in regular premiums at Abbey Life itself.

This came on top of a poor 1988 for Abbey Life in this man, said: "Particularly en- field, which helped explain its eagerness to negotiate the merger with Lloyds Bank in the closing months of the year.

The most cheering feature, according to Mr Peter Constable, insurance analyst with The most dramatic in- Robert Fleming, was the of Abbey's overseas life

Regular premium business counted for four fifths of the in Germany doubled to £20 single premium growth of the million and rose by 57 per cent

Growth in paper to fall back

By Derek Harris Industrial

After three years of 5 per cent annual growth Europe's paper industry saw a slackening in demand last year and the prospect is for growth "to settle back somewhat."

The forecast was from Mr Bo Wergens, director general of the Swedish Pulp and Paper Association, who was speak-ing in London. He said Swedish sales to the United Kingdom of paper and paper-board last year increased by 5

There was growth especially in the demand for newsprint and writing paper grades. Pulp-sales to the UK showed a aliaht decrease. Britain's own paper produc-

ers benefited from a healthy increase in paper consumption during 1989, he added. Despite the coming slowdown there was still a satisfac-

tory increase for the industry, said Mr Wergens. He added: "It should be possible to Sustain increased turnover and satisfactory profits for the industry, with high operating rates for most grades."

But Mr Wergens warned European producers that more north American pulp and paper may come on the Western Europe market because the United States market was still less buoyant with demand virtually unchanged for the

Over the longer-term the mospects were bright, said Mr

Statement today on Temple bid

Sea Containers' board was meeting in New York last night to consider the offer from Temple, the Anglo-Swedish consortium.

Under the terms of the deal, Tiphook, the British group, would buy its container leasing operations and Stena the Sealink ferries service.

Last night's meeting was also considering a revised recapitalization plan. A statement is expected today.

Plateau issue A parcel of 7.8 million shares,

or 41.8 per cent, of Plateau Mining, the exploration company, were placed yesterday with institutions at 90p a share, raising a net £6.5 mil-lion. A 1-for-4 offer of 8.5 million shares is being made to shareholders of Robertson Group.

Kyowa shares

Kyowa Bank, ranked 33rd in the world, was capitalized at £7.8 billion yesterday when it began trading on the Stock Exchange. Shares closed where they started at £6.15 after reaching a high of £6.20. Total volume was small at 900,000

Alcatel stake

Alcatel, the French telecommunications company, has acquired 49 per cent of Finom Mechanikai Vallat, of Budapest, to increase joint penetration of the microwave market in Comecon countries.

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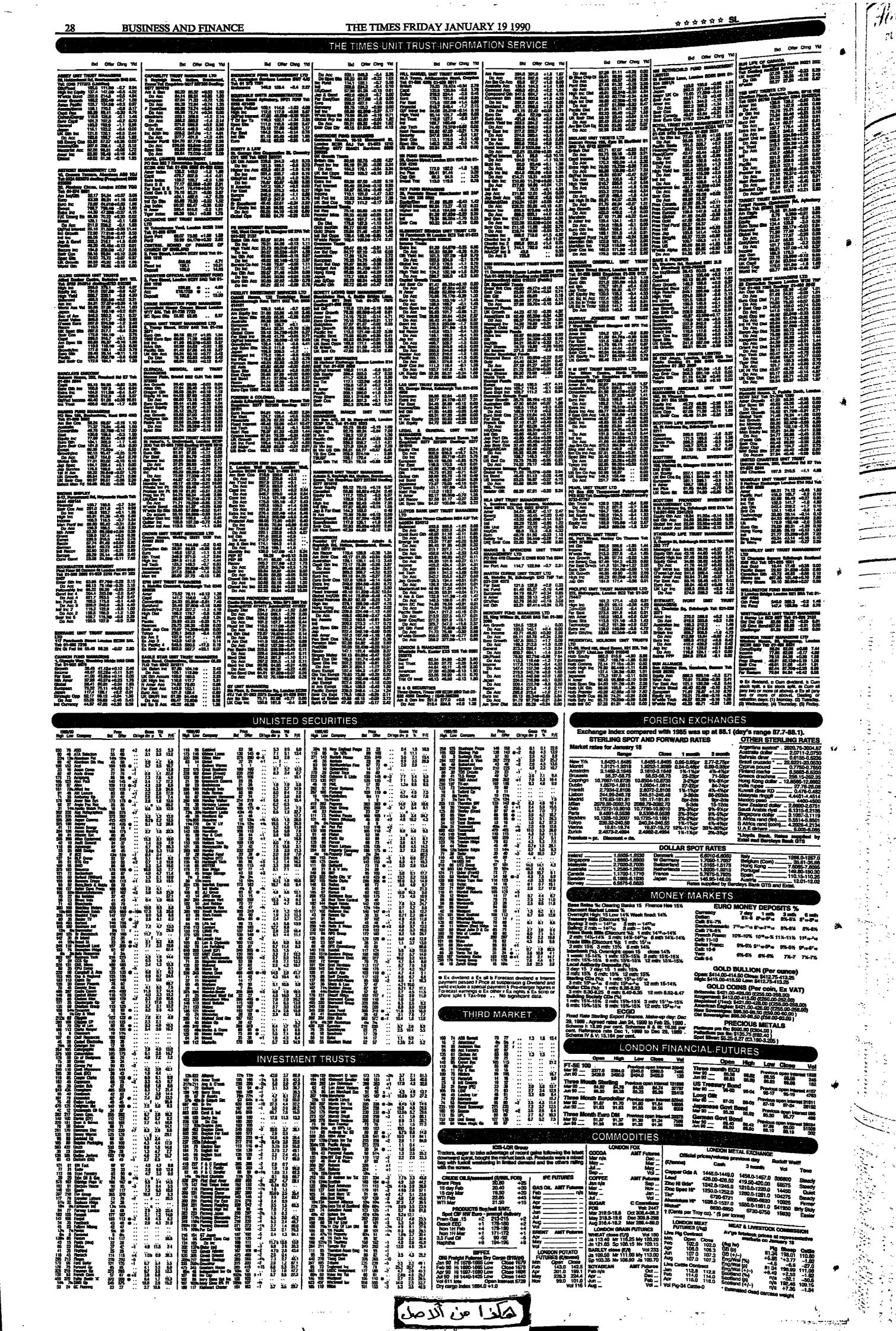
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The numbers that don't add up

an someone explain why the demand for personalized number plates has gone crazy since Cecil Parkinson authorized the release of cherished registrations from the Driver and Vehicle Licensing

Prices have more than doubled for the exclusive registration plates only a month after being auctioned for the Department of

Transport by Christie's. Dealers are cashing in on the enthusiasm of motorists to own the prestige numbers by offering plates for sale at a premium over the prices fetched at the Christmas clear-out.

Lawrence Rose, who heads Vehicle Registrations in Northwich, Cheshire, has sold the number Fi GHT, which cost him £11,000 at Christie's, for about £25,000. He expects MUS 1C - for which he paid £71,500 - to fetch as much as £200,000 and is negotiating now with several prominent but un-

TON IC - which was auctioned for £14,000 — has appeared on sale at an astonishing £45,000. I would need a substantial one after paying that kind of money for four letters and a number.

Cecil Parkinson hit the jackpot when he sold off rare registration plates. But why do people pay tens of thousands for an eccentric number on their car?

But at least I understand why TON IC and MUS IC might be agerly sought. A search through the lists of numbers on sale this week reveals many that make absolutely no sense to me at all, yet motorists seem willing to hand over the equivalent of the cost of a small car to get their hands on these bizzrre numbers.

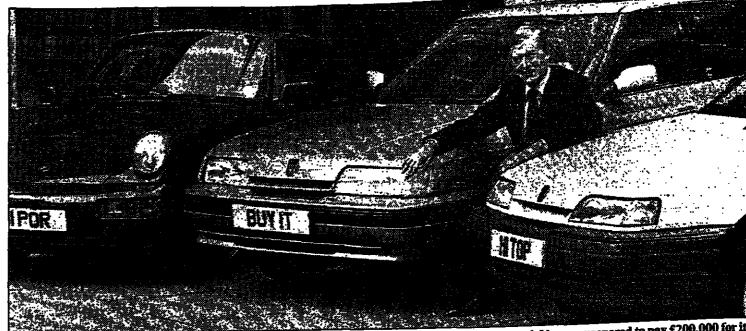
What is so special about LCO 27, for instance, that it should cost almost £2,000 to own? Or GIL 1498, admittedly a snip at £450? Presumably the present owner of DEN 348 is hoping for the unlikely combination of a Denis who happens to own a Ferrari 348 to come along, ready to fork out nearly £5,000.

More and more plates seem to be advertised, but the price is rarely right for the average motorist looking to add a little distinction to his runabout. For example, 1 SELL was up at £45,000 this week while £24,000 was being asked for DDD 1.

Meanwhile, the registration described as the ultimate Lamborghini plate - LAM 130 - was on the market at £60,000. Yes, I know. Why is LAM 130 the ultimate plate? It is little like screwing up your eyes to look for imaginary faces in the clouds. The I and 3 have to be pushed together to make LAM BO.

No doubt, there will be anxious buyers lining up for all these, as well as the cherished plates sold off by the Department of Transport. Rose says he has been inundated with calls from potential buyers for the 10 numbers he bought at auction at a cost of about £300,000.

MUS 1C was one of 74 cherished plates put up for auction by the department, fetching a total of



Parkinson with the number plate that says it all - BUY 1T: one anctioned for £71,500 now has potential buyers prepared to pay £200,000 for it

£1.54 million, more than twice what was expected by experts at the DVLC. Parkinson thought the department could bring in about £15 million annually from the numbers sale, but the first auction and the wave of interest that has

on a new car must believe that he

has the chance to buy something

quite different from the "look-

alike" saloons that clutter the

What he in fact gets is a bigger version of the "lookalike" saloon

he has just left behind . . . and a

car that looks pretty much like

everything else from any other

It is one of the sad facts of

motoring life that cars seem more

and more like one another - even

at executive level - as designers

company car park.

followed it almost certainly means he will be able to raise his sights.
As many as 200,000 motorists will be able to get their numbers cheaply next August if they are buying a new car. The registration year letter is H and the department will offer numbers to the select motorists who want such things as HII CAP or HI FAB and so on for the price of the government transfer charge of only £80. Why would they want to? I have

no idea, but at least they seem to

be on a winning investment, because there are thousands more motorists ready to spend the mortgage money on a daft number. Take my advice - £80 will buy a night at the movies and a good meal for two afterwards.

Midas for sale out of ashes

For 10 years, Harold Dermott had the golden touch with his fashionable little sports cars. The former Jaguar engineer made Midas Cars into one of the most respected ses in the kit car industry (Tim Healy writes). Despite dumpy looks and composite glass fibre bodies, the Midas coupés were hailed by enthusiasts as the "the Frogeye Sprite of the 90s". Order books were full for the 70

hand-built cars rolling off the production lines of the small factory in Corby, Northamptonshire, and a new convertible had helped arouse the interest of the world's keenest novelty car buyers, the Japanese. But before the dream could be

realized, fire swept through the factory causing £150,000 damage. Although the firm was insured, it could not stand the cost of the lost production and Dermott has been forced into liquidation. However, Midas may yet rise The Midas: Ford, General Motors and Chrysler were all fascinated

from the asbes if a buyer can be found for the business, started by Dermott and his small team. Bulley Davey and Company, of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, which is handling the sale of assets, says several businessmen are interested.

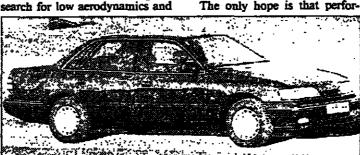
Whoever buys it will acquire one of the most admired marques in the kit car field. The Midas is based on a Metro engine and chassis arrangement and sold as a kit because of Britain's complex Type Approval regulations. Buyers paying about £13,500 for a 1.4-litre convertible had to fit the exhaust pipe and front seats and bleed the brakes to comply with the law. Those willing to fit a second-hand engine and carry out extra assembly could haive the cost. But it was the one-piece com-posite body that fascinated the industry. Ford, General Motors and Chrysler bought coupés to test the potential of the all-plastic car

Only the price tag is different The customer climbing the executive ladder with £20,000 to spend ROAD TEST

accountants demand low produc-

tion costs.

stretched Sierra Sapphire.



The Ford Granada from Germany, left, and the Saab CDS from Sweden: apart from the radiator grille and door handles, they could be sisters

mance justifies the lack of exterior originality — and here the Saab CD range is clearly the loser in the 1990 line-up of new executive

New 2.3-litre, 16-valve engines

are fitted with a catalyst as

standard, but still disappointingly

as a straight four-cylinder. Despite

the 150 brake horsepower avail-

able, that gives the big Saab the roughness of a smaller car. On a

CDS test model, anti-lock brakes

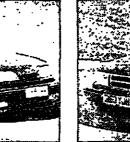
were standard, but the electric

sunroof was a £195 option for the

buyer to add to the £18,995 on-

Take a look at two new entrants on the company car scene - one from Saab and the other from Ford. Apart from obvious cosmetic differences such as the radiator grille and door handles. you could be looking at sister models. Yet one comes from Germany and the other from Sweden. Just as disappointing, the new Granada saloons look like a

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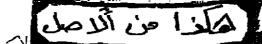
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After studying the computer map, our rep takes a print-out of Autoroute's advice with step-by-step guidance (such as: "At Hyde Park Corner, turn left on A4 north-east one mile . . .), and sets off, arriving on time.

The most bizarre use has been found by an art dealer. Worried about being hijacked by thieves after his more valuable treasures, he uses Autoroute to plan a different route every time he delivers or collects. That at least is one valuable saving.

The basic system costs £299, a



Fighting fit: some of the 33 Land-Rovers owned by John Craddock (pictured), a Staffordshire busi

Military Land-Rovers set for an auction campaign

The first sight that startled drivers get of John Craddock in their rear-view mirror is often down the barrel of a machine gun. He has no plans to blast them aside to barge through traffic jams. It is just that he has a love affair with some of the daunting military vehicles manufactured by Land Rover.

The Midlands car dealer has a collection of 33, including a trio of desert vehicles, complete with machine guns front and rear and individual machetes for the driver and passenger, which once belonged to the Special Air Services (SAS).

Taking one of these for a spin fills fellow motorists with respect, he says. "You get some pretty startled looks when someone sees a machine gun pointing at their boot. And it is amazing how courteons other drivers become."

The collection also includes an armoured car, three

ambulances and five fire engines, all based on the famous Land-Rovers, produced in their thousands by the Solihull company since 1948.

Now John has decided that his collection is too big and too interesting to be tucked away from public

view on his farm at Rugeley, Staffordshire. The entire line-up is going for sale at anction in Rugeley on Saturday next week, and could fetch £100,000 from military collectors, who will be flying in from around the world. They will include enthusiasts from the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

"The response to the auction has been fantastic." he says. "I was finding it impossible to maintain all the vehicles and thought Land-Rover enthusiasts would love to see the vehicles displayed in museums or private collections that were open to the public." But one vehicle will not be following the rest into

collections and museums around the world. That is the first Land-Rover he bought for just £50, which started the love affair, the collection and John's venture into business as a Land-Rover dealer with a £2 million turnover in Cannock. The 1948 workhorse, one of the first to be made

and with the personalized registration FUN 976, is John's favourite and will stay with him as a remir of the collection it took 25 years to build up — and a

After 30 years in production, the Mini, the oldest British car in production, is heading for bigger sales than ever. It is now one of the new generation of "clean" cars.

one of his drivers

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for which fleet managers pray.

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but they are in the test phase and liable to be limited to London for

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The evergreen model, which set a trend still followed, is available in Britain with a catalytic converter to clean engine-exhaust gases. That should help confirm its place as one of the most popular cars in the world - and as the model that British Leyland could not kill off.

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sales total in three decades -

The effort paid off: last year Minis scored their second highest

as at any time since Sir Alec Issigonis, the designer, introduced his revolutionary "box on wheels" to the motoring world in 1959. Rover executives believe that with the option of a £295 catalytic converter to absorb 90 per cent of toxic exhaust fumes, the car will go on for years as a clean car, and still be the cheapest on the road to run. New figures from Leasecontracts, the Midlands-based fleet specialists, estimate that the ageing Mini City model costs 20.6p a mile to ran, about a

Rover says: "The Mini is a remarkable story. Now entering its fourth decade, it has been driven

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seems that the increasingly environmentally conscious motorist of the 1990s will also be driving a

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 Confusion over unleaded petrol goes on as drivers fall victim to wrong advice and some dodgy conversion work carried out by bad mechanics. Vauxhall is

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its dealer network to ease the fears of 600,000 customers. The company acted after reports that switching to the cleaner fuel could cause engine damage, forcing repairs costing up to 21,000. The best rule is to consult an authorized dealer before converting.

 Volvo is offering catalytic converters that can be retro-fitted to existing models. Models eligible include all 240s built since 1975, all 740s (except turbos), all 300 series cars from 1981 and 480ES coupés from 1988. Kits for the 440 series will be available soon. Prices for equipment and installation are between £275 and 2340 from Volvo dealers.

 New car deals have been announced by two of Britain's big groups. Peugeot-Talbot buyers

now get a free year's AA membership with their new car, while Vauxhall has signed a similar agreement with the RAC. The search has started for

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By Rodney Hobson

more than £100m In a Grade II listed building, Peter and Julie Gilbert carry on a business of equal historic interest. They make chair seats and backs from cane and rushes.

The brick and timber building is the last remaining cane shop dating from Victorian times in High Wycombe, a Buckinghamshire town renowned for its crafts. Wycombe Cane and Rush Works was established in 1880 and remained in the founding Holt family until 20 years ago, possibly owing its survival to family pride.

Mrs Gilbert, the master craftsman of the outlit, was working for the firm when the owners retired 10 years ago and she and her husband took over the business.

Mr Gilbert said: "It has been part of the history of Wycombe as a furniture town. We are probably the last people using the same methods as were used 100 and 200 years ago. It is one of those old crafts that have had their day as a viable concern."

None the less, the Gilberts are making a go of it, helped by renewed interest in older crafts and hand-made goods. The business came with a staff of 15 women in their 70s and 80s who had learned the art from their mothers and who had always lived in the town. Since then, they have all retired, but not before passing on the finer points of the trade to the Gilberts. Mr Gilbert also took a production and management course at college.

There are now five workers. including the Gilberts. Most busi-



furniture is made for shops. A of the rushes they were buying. We chair seat can be completed in less

English rushes are too thick, so 2,000 kilos of Dutch rushes are bought each year. A chair takes about 5 to 6 kilos, Mr Gilbert said: We could buy more cheaply through suppliers in this country,

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About £29 million has been allocated for this year's Small Firms Merit Award for Research and Technology - the only state funding left for near-market research and development. Mr Hogg emphasized that about 90 per cent of the funds, to be spent over three years, will end up in the pockets of winning businesses with just £150,000 going on promotion.

Mr Hogg has also started an examination of how this scheme can be improved. The recommendations are expected later this year and may include more scope for businesses with more than 50 emplovees.

Although these Government awards are made mainly for innovations which are close to fruition, the DTI emphasized that previous Smart awards have been made to high-risk and esoteric

A pilot Smart scheme was launched in 1986 with 26 awards which has since grown to more

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ability of the landlord to carry it

out and a settled intention to do

so, would have been fully

But as that was not the

proposal it was necessary to

consider the remainder of the

development. The landlord in-

development to be carried out at

the same time but by an

independent developer - pos-

sibly by way of a building lease

whereby she would retain

However, she had not selected

a developer and had no esti-mates as to costs. Further, if a

good offer had been received for

the whole area, the landord agreed that she might have

Mr Ground suggested that her

continuing readiness to consider

such an offer was evidence that

not settled. But that suggestion

was rejected.

Doubtless the landlord had a

bona fide intention that the remainder of the development

should be carried out at the same time as the conversion of

her intention in the matter

control.

accepted it.

Means and ability to redevelop must be shown Employer is not provider of

Before Lord Justice Nourse and [Judgment January 17]

A landlord of business premises could not successfully oppose a tenant's application for a new tenancy on the ground that he wished to redevelop the holding without establishing that he had both the means and the ability to carry out the proposed development in its entirety.

Unless he had a settled intention to do the work, section 30(1)(f) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 did not entitled him to an order for possession against the tenant. The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the tenant, Mr Leslie Edwards, from Judge Hammerton's order in April 1989 in Eastbourne County Court refusing his from his landlord, Mrs Carolamber Thompson.

Section 30(1) of the 1954 Act provides that the grounds on which a landlord may oppose an application by a tenant for the grant of a new tenancy include: the current tenancy the landlord intends to demolish or reconstruct the premises com-prised in the holding or a substantial part of those premises or to carry out substan-tial work of construction on the he could not reasonably do so without obtaining possession of Mr Patrick Ground, QC and Mr Ian McCulloch for the tenant; Mr Christopher Smyth for the landlord.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the premises, The Forge, West Street, Alfriston, were part of a larger area of land that included a barn and orchard. The tenant occupied the smithy for the purposes of his business. His tenancy was protected by the provisions of Part II of the 1954 Act.

In 1984 planning permission had been granted for the development of the property by the conversion of the barn and smithy to a single dwelling and the construction of five other llings, garages and an access

That permission was subject to conditions that included the construction of an estate road and a prohibition against any occupation until completion of the whole of the development.

The proposed conversion was not feasible without vacant possession of the smithy. Thus tenant a notice under section 25 tenancy and stating that she would oppose an application for a new tenancy on the ground mentioned in section 30(1)(f).

Judge Hammerton had refused the tenant's application for a new tenancy holding that the landlord had made out that she had the necessary intention to carry out the reconstruction.

court was whether the landlord had shown that she intended to carry out the reconstruction within the meaning of section 30(1)(f), as laid down by earlier authorities.

tion ([1956] 1 WLR 845, 849) Lord Justice Denning said that an "intention" to carry out work connotes an ability to carry it into effect"; see also per Lord Evershed, Master of the Rolls, in Fleet Flectrics Ltd v Jacev Investments Ltd ([1956] I WLR

But before considering how the facts of the case stood in the light of those authorities, it should be said that the tenant's case was presented with a different emphasis from the case which had been put to Judge

Mr Ground now relied on the failure of the landlord to show that she had the means and ability, or a settled intention not likely to be changed, to carry out not simply the conversion of the barn and smithy but also the remainder and major part of the development.

He founded his submission on the conditions on which planning permission had been granted: none of the dwellings could be occupied until the whole development, including completed. Accepting that submission so

the barn and smithy. But one fatal objection stood in her way. Without further exploration there was no certainty, nor any high probability, nor even, if that was the correct test, a far, the evidence showed that the landlord had detailed specifications and a builder for the conversion of the barn and

reasonable prospect, that a developer would, within the smithy at a price of £146,425.
Further, she had made arrangements for a building loan time limit prescribed by section 30(1)(f), agree to pay the landof £170,000 for 18 months. lord a price which she would be Had the proposal been one prepared to accept. simply for the conversion of the The intention required was an barn and smithy, the means and

intention to carry out the reconstruction "on the termination of the current tenancy Had the point been specifically put to Judge Hammerton, it was unlikely that he would have been satisfied that that requirement was met.

There was a very real possibility that an acceptable price would not be received within a period which would allow the conversion of the barn and the smithy to be carried out on the termination of the tenant's current tenancy.

rent tenancy.
It might well have been necessary to wait a number of months or even longer.
The landlord had not shown that she had the means and ability, or a firm and settled intention not likely to be changed, to carry out the conversion of the barn and the smithy at the necessary time. On that simple but fun-damental ground — which, it was to be emphasized, had not been specifically put to the judge - the tenant was entitled to succeed. On that footing the parties agreed that he should be

smithy. Lord Justice Butler-Sloss agreed.

granted a new tenancy of the

Solicitors: John Healy & Co: Wynne Baxter Godfree,

Final injunction with no cross-undertaking struck out

Blue Town Investments Ltd v would obstruct a right of light. Higgs & Hill ple Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment January 10] Where a plaintiff's claim for a unction fell short of being unarguable but nevertheless appeared very unlikely to succeed at trial, the court could strike out the claim as being vexatious unless the plaintiff was prepared to give the court an undertaking in damages to compensate the defendant in case at trial the plaintiff's claim

kinson, Vice-Chancellor, so held avoided seeking an interlocu-in the Chancery Division on a tory injunction in order to avoid motion by Higgs & Hill pk to strike out paragraphs 1 and 2 of statement of claim which had sought injunctions ordering the defendant to pull down or not to put up so much of its block of flats at 10 Finchley Road, London, as obstructed the acnuisance to the plaintiff's windows at 12 Finchley Road.

Mr Andrew Lydiard for Higgs & Hill; Mr Stephen Bickford-Smith for Blue Town

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the defendant company was developing a building site adjacent to the plaintiff's the ground that it was vexatious property. The plaintiff alleged or an abuse of the court's that the planned development process.

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The defendant had already invested some £7,300,000 in the halted by an interim injunction the annual cost to the defendant would be between £500,000 and terim injunction would have required a cross-undertaking in damages in very large figures indeed.

During the course of negotia-tions prior to the hearing it was accepted by the surveyors for both sides that the value of the right of light in question was about £7,500.

The plaintiff had deliberately having to give the undertaking would require to compensate the defendant if it transpired at the trial that the interlocutory injunction should never have

Instead the plaintiff sought by writ issued on October 13, 1989 a final injunction ordering the restraining it from putting up so much of its block of flats as obstructed the access of light so as to cause a nuisance to the

The defendant's motion tiff's claim for the injunction on

In his Lordship's judgment, it was almost inconceivable that ceed at trial for during the negotiations the defendant had effectively been offered a choice: either to modify its scheme of development in order to avoid infringing the plaintiff's right of light or to proceed with the intended plan but to pay the

plaintiff compensation.

The defendant elected to continue with the projected dev-elopment and the plaintiff ared to accept that. In the light of the plaintiff's conduct in would have difficulty at trial in showing that it had not ac-quiesced in the development; it was probably therefore at best entitled to damages.

Standing by and watching a man proceeding on the basis of a mistaken belief and then turning round and claiming equitable relief such as an injunction was conduct par excellence that disentitled a plaintiff to that equitable relief. But although the plaintiff's chances of obtaining an injunc-

tion at trial were minimal, the burden on a party seeking to strike out an opponent's claim was a heavy one and only in the clearest and most obvious cases should an order be made. The evidence at trial might conceivably alter the position and in those circumstances his

Lordship was not prepared to

strike out the plaintiff's claim as unable to sell the property until wholly unarguable.

However, in his Lordship's order an unjustified registration

judgment, in a case such as this where a plaintiff had stood by in asserting his right to an injunc-tion and had apparently allowed the defendant to go ahead with the development on the basis that it was prepared to accept money compensation, it was vexations for the plaintiff to seek relief at trial by injunction without being prepared to com-pensate the defendant for taking the steps to ensure that the defendant's damage was as little as possible. The defendant, faced with the

threat of an injunction, either had to discontinue the work or proceed at the risk of having to pay a half to one million pounds to meet the claim of a plaintiff who was not prepared to pay in any way for the cost of so proceeding if in the event the plaintiff's claim at trial turned out to be as thin as it appeared. In those circumstances it was was vexatious to claim an injunction at trial without being prepared to give the court an undertaking in damages to compensate the defendant if the

claim proved insubstantial. That was very close to the line adopted by the court in cases where a plaintiff had registered an estate contract of land. That sterilized the land in the hands of the estate owner who was In a clear case the court could

to be vacated. But often the validity or otherwise of the plaintiff's claim could not be established until trial. In Clearbrook Property Holdings Lid v Verrier ([1974] 1 WLR 243) Mr Justice Templeman took the course of saying that even though the plaintiff had an arguable case, the registration of its estate contract was to be vacated an interim injunction to restrain

cross-undertaking in damages. That approach was approved by the Court of Appeal in Tivenon Estates Ltd v Wearwell Ltd ((1975) Ch 146, 161, 172) by Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, and by Lord Justice

the owner from disposing of the

land supported by the usual

Stamp. Therefore the appropriate course in this case was to strike out the plaintiff's claim unless the plaintiff was prepared to apply by interim injunction restraining the further dev-elopment of the site, the application being necessarily accompanied by a cross-undertaking in damages to pay any loss thrown away if it turned out at trial that the injunction had been wrongly granted. Solicitors: Alsop Wilkinson; Hughes Watton.

employee's pension

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Fire and Civil Defence law entitling employees to opt out of their employees' occupations out of their employers' occupations.

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Authori Before Mr Justice Auld

[Judgment January 12]

It was wrong when considering pension entitlements in the context of loss of earnings following a personal injury, where the employer was the tortfeasor, to characterize the employer as the provider of a pension which, even when noncontributory, the employee had earned and therefore himself provided by his service.

Receipts of ill-health awards and higher pension benefits as you go" scheme. payable to a party injured were not deductible from damages received whether the tortlessor was the party's employer or not in his claim for lost earnings without deduction for pension and early retirement benefits.

Mr Richard Clegg, QC, Mr Allan Gore and Mr Martin Seaward for the plaintiff, Mr Michael Wright, QC and Miss Kerstin Boyd for the defendant. MR JUSTICE AULD said the plaintiff had been injured as a result of the negligence of his employer, the defendant fire authority. He had been forced as a result of the injury to retire two years earlier than he would

received payments from the The fire authority claimed that those payments should be deducted from the sum claimed as special damages for loss of

otherwise have expected and from the date of his retirement

injury awards under the Fireman's Pension Scheme and to that case had contributed, to a make a further deduction for the higher pension benefits he was immaterial whether the would now receive as a result of pension payable was as of right the injury?

The answer turned on whether the rule in Parry v Matter in a similar way saying Cleaver ([1970] AC I)—that a pension should be ignored in was essentially part of the wage assessing an injured claimant's structure.

financial loss — applied both where the tortfeasor was the employer and "provider" of the Cleaver were that a pension was pension and where he was not. a reward for past service & Partners, Masons.

tional pension scheme it had been a condition of London firemen's employment that they joined the scheme and made the required contributions

The scheme was funded as to about one third firemen's and the rest fire authority's contribution which came from local rates with a contribution, until recent rate capping, from the government. There was no pension fund, no insurance scheme and no

moneys invested, it was a "pay There were two well established exceptions to the general principle of deductibility of financial benefits to which a Mr Justice Auld so held in the plaintiff would not have been Queen's Bench Division when entitled but for his injury. The giving judgment in favour of the first was from an insurance plaintiff. Mr Alexander Smoker, policy, the second from a gift. It was not disputed that the payments here and those in the colicemen's scheme in Parry v Cleaver were of the same nature. The question for his Lordship was whether the ratio of that case extended to cases where, as here, the tortleasor was the employer and the "provider" of

> In his Lordship's view that depended upon the nature of the payemts, not the identity of who made them, and it was not critical to typify the scheme as an insurance scheme or something analogous. On his Lord-ship's reading of the majority speeches in Parry v Cleaver the question was no longer so

narrow. There, Lord Reid had approached the case by examining the real reasons for the two Were they entitled to deduct general rule of deductibility. He those receipts of ill-health and equated the police pension

equated the police pension scheme, to which the plaintiff in or discretionary.

whether or not contributory and

A pension, unlike sick-pay, was not a substitute for earnwas not a substitute for earnings: as expressly recognized in Hussain v New Taplow Paper Mills Ltd ([1988] AC 514) where Lord Bridge had observed that non-statutory sick non-statutory sick payments made by the employer were "the very antithesis of a pension which was payable only after employment ceases".

The English courts had received much assistance from Australian jurisprudence. As Mr Justice Windeyer had said in National Insurance Co of New Zealand v Espagne ((1961) 105 CLR 569, 599); "The decisive consideration was not whether the benefit was received in consequence of or as a result of the injury but what was its character. The test is by purpose rather than by cause."
With those principles in mind one turned to the question

whether they applied equally to a case where, as here, the tortleasor was the employer and "provider" of the pension.

His Lordship had been putting the word "provider" in inverted commas because, on the reasoning in Parry v Cleaver, however the pensions were made, it was the employee who,

by his service, earned or "pro-vided" the pension. The fact that in Parry v Cleaver the tortleasor had not been the employer or the person with whom the pension arrangement had been made did not affect the principle upon which the majority proceeded, finding that it was not deductible, the plaintiff having provided the whole of it by contributions and his services and it being payable independently of any wrong on the part of the defendant.

Whether the tortfeasor v the medium through which he had provided that pension was irrelevant to their decision. On that approach even where the pension was substantial and non-contributory the employee had provided, that is earned, it through his service. A pension was, as Lord Reid said in Parry v Cleaver "delayed remuneration for current work". Solicitors: Robin Thompson

Skeleton argument time limits Practice Note: Skeleton Justice Staughton and Sir John

Arguments

In accordance with Practice Direction (Court of Appeal: Presentation of Argument) (The Times March 11, 1989; [1989] 1 WLR 281), skeleton arguments were to be lodged four weeks before the date fixed for the hearing of the appeal. Where that time limit could not be complied with, counsel were to seek an extension from the Registrar of Civil Appeals. Lord Donaldson

Lymington, Master of the Rolls, so stated sitting in the Court of Appeal on January 17 with Lord been fixed.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS referred to the late delivery of skeleton arguments in a number of appeals, where counsel had all stated they understood that a shorter time scale was permissible.

That had stemmed from discussion in court (see Mardas v Official Receiver (The Times tion, and if it could not be November 10, 1989)) where his Lordship was explaining why the four-week time limit had seek an extension which they

By way of such explanation his Lordship had said that in special circumstances a lesser time might be accepted. But he was not intending to say that in any case the four-week period would be abridged other than by special order of the Registrar of Civil Appeals.

The four-week limit applied to all cases, other than the exceptions referred to in paragraph 6 of the *Practice Direction*, and if it could not be might or might not obtain.

Luxembourg

Fishing crew residence requirement irrelevant to aim of quota system

parte Agegate Ltd Case C3/87 The Queen v Ministry of Agriculture. Fisheries and Food, Ex crew of the fishing vessel reparte Jaderow Ltd and Others

Case C216/87 Before O. Due, President, and Judges Sir Gordon Slynn, C. N. Kakouris, F. A. Schockweiler, T. Koopmans, G. F. Mancini, R. Joliet, T. F. O'Higgins, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, F. Grevisse and M. Diez de Velasco Advocate General J. Mischo

liudements December 14, 19891 A requirement that 75 per cent of a crew of a fishing vessel had to reside ashore in the territory of a member state as a condition for the authorization of that quotas attributed to that state was irrelevant to the aim of the quota system and could not be justified by that aim.

Conditions designed to ensure that there was a real economic link between a vessel authorized to fish against national quotas and the member state in question might be justified if the purpose of such conditions was that the popula tion dependent on fisheries and related industries should benefit from the quotas.

Under the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967, as amended by the Fishery Limits Act 1976 and the Fisheries Act 1981, fishing vessels registered in the United Kingdom had to have a fishing licence.

That legislation had been supplemented by the British Fishing Boats Act 1983, the British Fishing Boats Order 1983 and the Sea Fish Licensing Order 1983.

The fishing licences granted pursuant to that legislation by the LIK authorities as from January 1, 1986 determined the fishing areas and the species of fish covered by the licences and stated the conditions which had to be fulfilled cumulatively at all times, failing which the licences

would be revoked. The purpose of those conditions was to ensure that the fishing vessels had a "real economic link" with the UK. They concerned first, the operation of the vessel for which the licence was granted and, second, its crew.

The conditions relating to the operation of the fishing vessel required it to operate from the Channel Islands and provided that a vessel would be deemed to have been so operating if for each six-month period in the calendar year either (a) at least 50 per cent by weight of the and sold in the UK, Isle of Man or Channel Islands, or (b) other evidence was provided of the

The Queen v Ministry of Agri-culture, Fisheries and Food, Ex of Man or Channel Islands ports on at least four occasions at intervals of at least 15 days. The conditions relating to the quired at least 75 per cent of the

> EEC nationals (excluding until January 1, 1993 any Spani Portuguese nationals) ordinarily resident on shore in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands, and that the skipper and contributions to UK National Insurance or the equivalent Isle of Man or Channel Islands

schemes. The applicant in Case C3/87 was the owner of a fishing vessel

which was registered in the UK and flew the British flag. The crew of the vessel was partly composed of Spanish share men who were remunerated by a share of the proceeds of sale of their catches. On January 23, 1986 the

applicant obtained a series of new licences for that vessel. The licences stipulated the crewing conditions summarized above. Considering that the conditions imposed were, inter alia, contrary to Community law, the applicants sought judicial re-view of the licences before the

After January 1, 1986 the applicants in Case C216/87 had obtained a series of licences for their fishing vessels registered in the UK and flying the British flag. The licences granted stipulated the condition relating to the operation of the fishing

vessel mentioned above. The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food requested the applicants to prove, in respect of the period from January 1 to June 13, 1986 that the conditions relating to the operation of their fishing vessels

had been observed. After an exchange of correspondence the minister notified the applicants of his provisional decision that their fishing li-

cences would be revoked. The applicants in each case applied to the High Court for dicial review of the licences and of the minister's provisional decisions contending, inter alia, that the conditions imposed were contrary to Community

The High Court stayed its proceedings and referred a number of questions in each case to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling. In its judgments the European

Crewing conditions
(a) Nationality condition It was clear from the case law of the Court that Community law did not preclude a member state from enacting legislation

Court of Justice ruled as follows:

requiring a minimum propor-tion of the crews of lishing vessels entered in its registers to be Community nationals. (b) Residence condition In reply to that question it was

only necessary to state that the residence requirement was not justified by the aim of the system of national quotas. The aim of the quota system was to assure to each member state a share of the Community's total allowable catch (TAC) determined essentially

which traditional fishing activities the local populations dependent on fisheries and related industries of that member state benefited before the quota system was established In that context a residence

requirement such as the one in point in the present case was irrelevant to the aim of the quota system and could not therefore be justified by that

(c) Social security condition As regards the condition requiring the skipper and all the crew to be making contributions to the social security scheme of the member state concerned, the provisions of Title II of Regulaof June 14, 1971 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons and their families moving within the Community (OJ, English Spe-cial Edition 1971 II, p416) constituted a complete system

of conflict rules. However, a condition such as that in question corresponded to the obligation laid down in article 13 in Title II in that employed on board a vessel flying the flag of a member state shall be subject to the legislation

of that state". Consequently, such a condition could not be considered to be prohibited by Community law in so far as it was in conformity with the rules laid down by Regulation No. 1408/71 of the Council.

Share fishermen The national court had asked whether fishermen working on board British vessels were to be regarded as workers within the meaning of article 55 of the Act of Accession when they were paid as share fishermen, that is to say on the basis of the proceeds of the sale of their

As the Court had held in Case 66/85 Lawrie-Blum v Land Baden-Wurttemberg (The Times July 7, 1986; [1986] ECR 2121), the Community concept of "worker" was to be defined in accordance with objective criteria which distinguished the employment relationship by reference to the rights and duties of the persons concerned. The essential feature of an

employment relationship, how-

formed services for and under direction of another person in

return for which he received The question whether a given relationship fell outside such an employment relationship was to be answered in each case on the circumstances characterizing the arrangements between the

In any event, the sole fact that Spanish fishermen working on board British vessels were paid on a "share" basis was not of such a nature as to deprive them of their status as workers and consequently did not exclude the application to them of articles 55 et seq of the Act of

Accession. The second paragraph of arti-Accession, being a derogation from the principle of the free movement of workers laid down in article 48 of the EEC Treaty,

restrictively. Consequently, while the original member states and those which had acceded to the Community were authorized to maintain existing restrictions, they might not in any circum-stances during the transitional period make more stringent the conditions governing the taking up of employment by their respective nationals by introducing new restrictive

It had also to be borne in mind that in its judement in Case 9/88 Lopes da Veiga v Staatssecretaris van Justitie (The Times October 30, 1989) the Court had stated, with reference to article 216(1) of the 1985 Act of Accession, whose terms were identical for Portuguese workers to those of article 56(1) of the same Act of Accession, that there was no ground for refusing Portuguese workers already employed in the territory of one of the old member states the benefit of the provisions of Title II of Regulation No 1612/68 relating to employment and equality of

treatment

It was clear from that judgment that although under article 216(1) of the 1985 Act of Accession the old member states were authorized to maintain existing restrictions with regard to Portuguese nationals, they might not maintain such restrictions with regard to those of them who, since a date prior to the accession of Portugal, had been pursuing an activity as employed persons on board a vessel flying the flag of another member state and who had not been given a residence document entitling them to pursue such an activity in the territory of that state, if the employment relationship displayed a suf-

That interpretation had also to be applied to article 56, which

governed Spanish workers. A real economic link With regard to the question whether Community law precluded a member state. authorizing one of its vessels to fish against national quotas, from laying down conditions designed to ensure that the vessel had a real "economic link" with the member state in question, it was to be pointed out that the system of national quotas had been adopted in order to enable the measures for the conservation of fishery resources provided for by article

102 of the 1972 Act of Accession to be implemented in the shortest possible time. That quota system con-striuted none the less a derogation from the general rule of equal conditions of access to fishery resources.

Consequently, the measures which the member states might certain of the vessels flying their flag from sharing in the utilization of their national quota were justified only if they were suitable and necessary for attaining the aim of the quota system. That aim might in fact justify conditions designed to ensure that there was a real economic link between the vessel and the member state in question if the purpose of such conditions was that the populations dependent on fisheries and related industries should benefit from the

quotas. requirement of an economic link which exceeded those limits could not be justified by the system of national quotas. Operation from a national port

The condition requiring a vessel to operate from a national conform in principle with the aim of the quotas and therefore to be compatible with Community law if it merely involved the obligation to operate habitually from a national port. However, it would go beyond that aim if it were to involve the

national port on each fishing Evidence of such a link It was to be pointed out that this question concerned the issue whether the requirement for a proportion of the catches taken from the quotas to be landed in national courts or for the vessel to be present periodically in national courts was

compatible with Community

law, not as a condition for the

grant of fishing licences, but as

obligation to depart from a

evidence for the vessel's operation from national ports. Each of those circumstances went to show that the vessel

ever, was that for a certain ficiently close link with the habitually operated from a nat-period of time a person per-territory of the said member ional court and provided evidence that the vessel had a real economic link with the populations dependent on fisheries and related industries, in accordance with the aim of the system of

national quotas. Exclusion of other evidence The national court sought to scertain whether Community law precluded a member state from accepting as evidence of a vessel's operation from nationa ports only the landing of a specified proportion of its catches, or a specified periodic presence of the vessel, in nat-

The placing of such a limitation on the evidence that might be accepted amounted in reality to requiring the vessel in question either to land a required proportion of its catches in national ports or to be present with the required regularity in those ports.

As far as the landing of proportion of catches was con-cerned, it followed from the relevant Community regulations that it was possible for each fishing vessel to land its catches directly in any member

It followed that in determining the detailed rules for the utilization of the quotas allocated to it, a member state might not require catches or a propor tion of them to be landed in its That finding meant that the

evidence to be admitted of the

vessel's operation from national

ports might not be confined to

the landing of catches or a proportion of them in those However, that finding did not exclude the possibility that the landing of catches might be accepted as one means of proof among others, provided that the other evidence admitted did not

imnose, directly or indirectly, an

obligation to land catches in

national ports. That would be the case if, in order to provide the other evidence, the operator in question were actually compelled to land the vessel's catches in national ports or if it were so difficult in practice to provide that evidence that it left the operator no choice but to produce evidence of the landing of catches in national ports.

So far as a vessel's periodic presence in national ports was concerned, it had to be borne in mind that since Community law in its present state did not preclude a member state, in authorizing one of its vessels to fish against its quotas, from requiring it to operate from national ports, Community law could also not preclude a member state from requiring, for the purpose of regarding that obliga-tion as satisfied, evidence that the vessel was present in its

ports with a certain frequency. provided that the frequency required did not hinder norm fishing operations and did not in practice entail the necessity to and a proportion of catches at those ports. Legitimate expectation

Under the powers reserved to the member states by Council Regulation (EEC) No 170/83 of January 25, 1983 establish Community system for the conservation and management of fishery resources (OJ 1983, No L 24, p1), fishing activities could be made subject to the grant of licences which, by their nature, were subject to temporal limits and to various conditions.

Furthermore, the introduction of the quota system was only one event among others in the evolution of the fishing industry which was characterized by instability and continuous changes in the situation. In those circumstances, op-

erators in the fishing industry were not justified in taking the view that the Community rules precluded the making of any changes to the conditions laid down by national legislation or practice for the grant of licences to fish against national quotas or the adoption of new conditions compatible with Community

On those grounds the European Court ruled: Case C3/87

1 Community law did not preclude a member state from requiring, as a condition for authorizing one of its vessels to fish against its quotas, that 75 per cent of the crew in question had to be nationals of the member states of the trips

a condition for authorizing one of its vessels to fish against its quotas, that 75 per cent of the crew of the vessel in question had to reside ashore in that member state 3 Save in those cases where

Regulation No 1408/71 of the Council otherwise provided Community law did not preclude a member state from requiring, as a condition for authorizing one of its vessels to fish against its quotas, that the skipper and all the crew of the vessel had to be making contributions to the social security scheme of that member

4 Articles 55 and 56 of the 1985 Act of Accession were to be interpreted as meaning that their application to Spanish fishermen working on board British vessels was not excluded by the sole fact that the fishermen in question were paid on a "share" basis and as not precluding national legislation or a national practice whereby

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Snanish workers were excluded from 75 per cent of the crew of those vessels, provided that such a restriction, introduced after the 1985 Act of Accession. make the position of Spanish workers more unfavourable and that the restriction did not concern Spanish nationals al-ready employed at the time of accession as workers on British territory or on board a British vessel where the employment relationship displayed a sufficiently close link with that territory 5 Since none of the applicable

provisions of Community law did not have direct effect, those provisions might be relied upon by individuals before a national

Case C216/87

Community law as it now 1 Did not preclude a member state, in authorizing one of its vessels to fish against national quotas, from laying down con-ditions designed to ensure that the vessel had a real economic link with that state if that link concerned only the relations between that vessel's fishing operations and the populations ependent on fisheries and related industries 2 Did not preclude a member

state, in authorizing one of its vessels to fish against national quotas, from laying down the condition, in order to ensure that there was a real economic link as defined above, that the vessel was to operate from national ports, if that condition did not involve an obligation for the vessel to depart from a national port on all its fishing

Community 3 Did not preclude a member 2 Community law precluded a state, in authorizing one of its vessels to fish against national quotas, from taking the position that the fact of the vessel's operation from national ports might be proved by the landing of a proportion of its catches, or its periodic presence, in national ports
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ional ports, provided that the frequency with which the vessel was required to be present in those ports did not impose, directly or indirectly, an obligation to land the vessel's catches in national ports or hinder normal fishing operations

5 Did not preclude legislation or practice of a member state whereby a new condition not previously stipulated was laid down for the grant of licences to

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The tennis heroes of my youth, Kramer, Gonzales, Hoad and Rosewall, were hounded by the amateur zealots of the International Lawn Tennis Federation (as it then halls in their pursuit of an honest dollar as professionals. The design of th game went open, it cost many best years in the grand slam

The Ford Australian Open is being staged against the background of a double irony. The ITF is hot-foot in desperate pursuit of the proessionals with the biggest financial prize in the history of the game, \$6 million, and the professionals are pretending, even protesting, that they are not interested. We shall see for how long.

In the tortuous relationship between players and admin-istrators, which seems to have Equally instelled for The existed ever since I first picked up a pen, both sides are telling stages many exhibition events massive fibs and expecting us in conjunction with the Gerto believe them. Nothing man Federation; and, it



The news release of the was) into poorly lit suburban proposed Grand Slam Cup, scheduled to be staged next December, was, in public It was hypocritical humbug, relations terms, on a par with and up to 1968, when the Pearl Harbour. It dropped at supper time, missed the Eurogreat players some of their pean first editions, and incensed the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) and the West Germans when they learned that, without consultation, the event was to be staged in Germany a month after the ATP \$2.5 million

finals in Frankfurt. The comment by Philippe Chatrier, the ITF president, in December's ITF News, that "I did apologize profusely to the Germans for the fact that they had not been informed what was being planned," was one

Equally irate is Ion Tiriac, agent of Boris Becker, who

congratulated. Becker, predictably, has said he will not play in the Grand Slam Cup - an eightplayer event among the top grand slam performers. Ivan Lendl has said he will. Always a pragmatic man, Lendl. John McEnroe, who has been revealing here this week that his touch is at times as sublime as ever, is being equivocal. What else! Within

One of the arguments against the cup, put forward by ATP with pained inno-cence, is that December is the time for taking a rest. Another a partner. tall story. Players are swinging a racket in December any-where there is someone who will pay them to do so.

handling of the Davis Cup in tennis by a few years, puts the Germany. Anyone who can issue in perspective. "I just plinary section of their new pull a fast one on Thriac, it wish it had been around in my manual is as thick as your Tobin, his predecessor, who is might be thought, is to be day," he says with a laugh. "I think the players are lucky and should be grateful. The prizemoney is not disproportionate when you consider the ATP does that nowadays unless

he's injured." Hamilton Jordan, the executive director of the ATP Tour, can hardly complain at yet with the grand slam events one of sticking a knife in ATP, the world. being seemingly out- excluded this year from the even if you get one or two manoeuvred. The four grand tour - though not from the individuals who are emofive minutes at a press con-slam committees have been firence he said the cup was planning some kind of con"not good for the game", but solidation ever since the day slam committees had to wonthat he was "not saying it was after Jordan precipitated bad for the game". He might not enter. A likely story.

That sage of the game, Ted representative, doggedly planning some kind of conof 1988, with the consequent dismantling of the Mens International Professional Tennis Council on which the ITF was

Just as the creation of the Grand Slam Cup is logical, so was ATP's decision to handle its own affairs in the same way Neal Fraser, the former as the professional golfers do;

main surprise about the wist-

pairing with Pat Cash, which

a commercial influence for the Australian Davis Cup marked increase in their sense Davies, ITF's executive directing the formight in the interest other people's comfort in the captain, who missed open of responsibility for them to tor, was once sacked by ATP. of the game.

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its insensitivity towards the this. Pollard, who has only players on many issues: such been involved since October, as Chatrier's banning from the says that the committees bonus money last year. As for French championships of any position was defensive, Meyer-Woelden's signed guartaking a month off, nobody one playing in Team Tennis, because they found them antee of \$6 million comes which possibly robbed Con-nors of a grand slam. The ITF though they were the four provoked the players into biggest tournaments. Tobin rebellion and their own tour; says: "The attitude was never new ranking points-system of

now executive vice-president The ITF was renowned for of the ITF in london, deny tional. The grand slams had to

That sage of the game, Ted representative, doggedly common sense in the air. Tinling, believes the commit- refuses to make any contees panicked, reacting to the cessions to ATP, which had have had a larger gap between "nightmare" scenario that the demanded \$1 million for the Grand Slam Cup and their players would boycott the supplying supervisors, umgrand slam events. Like pires, managers and physio-Fraser, he believes they are therapists to the four grand the consolidation. It has to be traditionally strong enough to slam events. But Pollard and wondered why, for instance, be safe. If that is so, was the Jordan, seeing the light, issued Lendl, Becker, Edberg and grand slam committees' ac- a joint press release at the McEnroe this year decided to tion one of revenge rather beginning of this week, play the whole of the Austrathan rationalization? Mike promising collaboration durlian circuit.

The Grand Slam Cup, devised by Dr Axel Meyer-Woelden, a German lawyer, answers, if nothing else, the players' demands for a greater share of the profits from grand slam events yet without costing them a dollar, because from television, including a further \$2 million to be paid into the ITF trust fund for future development around

Although it is difficult to see how Tiriac and the German Federation are going to be placated, a meeting of the two sides the day after the Virginia Slims finals in New York, suggests there is an element of Tennis Australia would rather Open; but as the most vulnerable of the four they are glad of

A national cup which makes a big claim

RUGBY LEAGUE

By Keith Macklin

What is claimed to be the world's largest rugby com-petition of either code gets under way on Saturday, with teams entered from as far apart as Plymouth and Newcastle. It is the national cup of the British Amateur Rugby League Association, and there is a record entry of 221 teams. The competition, sponsored by Brit-ish Nuclear Fuels, starts on Saturday and Sunday with 60 preliminary round matches.

One of the most enthusiastic

and active participants on the coaching and officialdom side will be David Kay, of Bath, a former national coach for the Amateur Athletics Association, and one of the pioneers of the development of amateur rugby league in the rugby union stronghold of the South-West. Bath have a home match against Hoyland, a small mining village near Barnsley, a centre for the developing amateur code. The driving force behind Barnsley is Steve Creek, a local schoolmaster and a district coach for the national coaching scheme. During the past few years since the Bath team was

created under the impetus of Kay's enthusiasm, members of the all-conquering Bath rugby union team have on occasions turned out for them, emphasiz-ing the value of the far-sighted decision of the rugby union International Board in allowing free gangway between the arna-teur codes. Three clubs from the London

League, Hornsey Lambs, London Colonials and South London, all have home advantage against teams from the north of England. The Colonials and South London could be the dark horses of the competition, since they field Australians and New Zealanders, some with considerable amateur expenence in their own countries

the wide expansion of amateur rugby league during the past decade are West Midlands Police, Endsleigh Cheltenham. and also from the Midlands, Wolverhampton Borough, and Clowne Angels. Newcastle ent-ertain the powerful Upton and Frickley, from south Yorkshire. Among the many colleges and universities who are competing will be St Mary's College, from

HOCKEY

St Albans looking for treble

By Sydney Friskin

St Albans will set out for Crystal-Palace tonight attempting to win the Royal Bank national indoor club championship for the third year in a row, a feat which no

other club has achieved. Four Midlands clubs among the eight quarter-final survivors present a picture quite unfamiliar to followers of the indoor game in recent years. The notable absentees are East Grinstead, Teddington, Tulse Slough, Firebrands and Guildford, all of whom have been either past winners or

пиррега-ир. The depth of talent in the St Albans side makes them favouries for the title, and they

ought to dispose of Cannock, their opening opponents in tonight's quarter-finals.

Old Loughtenians, who take on Harborne in the first of today's marches, have to omit Nick Thompson who, like other members of England's World Cup squad, is not being made

available for indoor com-petition of this intensity.

However, one World Cup player, Steve Taylor, will be at Crystal Palace as coach for Stourport, who meet Hounslow in the second of the day's games. Hounslow have several experienced players, including Gordon, Williamson, a Welsh international, Robert Thomp-Son, Swayne and Diamond.
Welton, the only surviving challenger from the northern area, and Barford Tigers, could help to make it a night to

QUARTER-FINALS: Old Louishoniens

Harborne (4pm), Stourport v Hounstow (4.50pm), SI Atbans v Cannock (5.40pm), Berford Tigers v Welton (6.30pm), Semi-finals: 7.20pm and 8.10pm, Final: 9.30pm.

New look for World Cup in Australia By Joyce Whitehead

Following the promotions and

relegations after the Inter-Conti-nental Cup, the women's World Cup in Australia in May will have a new look. Gone are Scotland and the United States, and up have come South Korea. China, Spain and Japan.

Argentina, Australia, China, West Germany and Japan, Pool B sees Canada, South Korea, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain and the Soviet Union. This weekend, the women's home countries indoor tournament has been switched from

SCOTLAND: S Lawrie, J Stewart, M Courts, E Murray, A Christie, S Bessett, G Messenger, W Freser, A Sime, C Muir, E Blair, D Thorburn.

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Becker struggles while he considers meaning of life

From Andrew Longmore Tennis Correspondent Melbourne

Botis Becker survived one of his more distracted days in reaching the third round of the Australian Open in Mel-bourne yesterday. Becker beat Scott Davis, but dropped a set, had words with the umpire, smashed his racket and generally looked out of sorts with himself. There were reasons for his uncharacterstic turbulence and they had little to do with Davis, who is a solid professional given to odd moments of real class but no match for the Wimbledon and

US champion. No, Becker had other. weightier things on his mind as he struggled to find his touch: like life, freedom, retirement and Greenpeace. In an article published today in Sports magazine in Germany, Becker has revealed depths to his character hith-

erto untrawied. At times, he says, he wants his freedom so badly he feels like retiring at the end of the year, at other times, he wants

sponsors' logos on his shirt, and to write a book about the tennis circuit. He wants to play in a united German Davis Cup team, and work for

Greenpeace. "I am no longer a boy. I have other thoughts now," Becker said yesterday. "I don't care if people attack me, I can't please everybody. If I try to, I would have no character

Clearly, in recent months, Becker has discovered a world outside tennis and is beginning, quite naturally, to explore it. The problem is not just that, as an internationally renowned sportsman, his voyage starts at a different point from most 22-year-olds, but that it must be made in full view of the world. As he said last year, he cannot really be pinned down by age; in some things he is aged 15, in others

Either way, compared to the brave, idealistic outpouring of a young romantic, the match with Davis had little of merit. Becker had one of his less mobile days and, particularly retire at the age of 25 and set, Becker having taken the wants to work as a coach to first, the match existed in a younger players. He wants to pleasant void. That was partly play in all-white without any because of the stalemate on

RESULTS FROM MELBOURNE

court, both men holding serve Stefan Edberg was enjoying comfortably, partly because one of his easier days against the sun reflecting off the glass Becker's Davis Cup colleague, made the eletronic scoreboard

The scoreboards are the least impressive part of the modern national tennis centre at Flinders Park. The roof of the centre court may be able to close in 17 minutes, but the scoreboards tend to go blank after almost the same length of time, which makes watching less stressful but also less meaningful. Even when they do work, on the outside courts, the players are often left anonymous and the scores of the completed sets are not recorded.

mous. His ground shots had volleying did not have the is still a match for almost Open last week, was not advantage of the lapses.

practising on those days anyway, so I may as well play Given the way he was playing. Becker might have doubles," Edberg said. In the men's draw, the seeds no rhythm, his return of seemed to disappear two-by-service was erratic and his two (though at the time of writing Noah himself is still usual precision. Yet such is in). Yesterday, Andrei Chesthe strength of his game, nokov and Jim Courier dis-Becker at his most humdrum embarked. The Russian was beaten by Mark Woodforde, anyone and, except for a brief who specializes in upsets. Last period in the third set, Davis, year, the Australian leftit Noah in ti round, the year before he playing well enough to take knocked John McEnroe out of the US Open. Having recov-On the court next door, ered from two sets down against Mark Kratzmann in

> a recent change of racket, lost Conrier, the No. 14 seed, lost to Jonas Svensson, the man who beat Becker this time last year.

for an encore and, troubled by

In sympathy with her countrymen, Chesnokov, Natalia Zvereva, the No. 10 seed, bowed out, beaten by Sandra Wasserman, of Belgium, 7-5 6-1. Belgium is one of 16 different countries repre-sented in the last 32 of the women's singles, which shows how international the game has become.



Distracted: Boris Becker trying to keep his mind on the game in Melbourne yesterday COMMONWEALTH GAMES: THE 1,500 METRES CHAMPION AT TWO OLYMPICS DECIDES HIS PREPARATION REQUIRES NO MORE RACES

Malaysian threat to Baddeley **Edward** By Richard Eaton

takes on mantle

WOMER'S SIMMLER: Beneard round: N Manufillows (Aust bt C McGregor (US), 7-6, 6-2; S Wassantinan (Bud) bit N Zwerous (USSF1), 7-6, 6-1; I Demonspot (Fr) for M Kidoward (Japan), 6-4, 6-1; D Palber (US) bit A Lound (US), 6-1, 6-3; S Applianess (Bid) bit N Prast (Austria), 6-2; 6-7-6; D Palber (US) bit A Lound (JS), 6-1, 6-3; 7-6; D Palber (US) bit A Lound (JS), 6-1, 6-3; A Genetics (US) bit A Lound (JS), 6-1, 6-3; 7-6; D by A Dechause (Fr), 8-4, 6-7, 5-7; T Westinger (US) bit T Presipa (JS), 7-6, 6-2; D van Remakurg (SA) bit N Lottle (US), 6-4, 6-4; C Tarrier (Fr) bit E Indon (Johns), 6-4, 6-1; M J Fernandor (US) bit N Friedd (US), 6-4, 6-3; Sabatha (MS) M Bolagnar (Nottle, 6-1, 6-1; J Hasterd (Fr) bit A

Auckland (Reuter) — Prince Edward, the Queen's youngest son, is to take over as president of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), federation secretary, David Dixon, said

He will replace his father, the Duke of Edinburgh, aged 68, who will stand down at the CGF who will stand down at the CAP
general assembly on Tuesday,
the day before the opening of the
XIV Commonwealth Games.
At the same meeting, the prince,
aged 25, will be proposed as
president by CGF chairman,
Peter Heatley.

"Prince Philip has been president for 25 week and informed.

dent for 35 years and informed us recently that he was standing 'own," Dixon said. "He is ginning to shed some of his posts — he has had a good innings."

Prince Edward will represent his mother, the head of the Commonwealth, when he for-mally opens the Games at Mi Smart stadium on Wednesday. Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip will arrive in New Zealand on February i and the Queen will close the Games

Dixon said Prince Edward, who spent two terms teaching at New Zealand's most important new Zealand's must imposite private school. Wanganui Collegine, in 1982-83, had played an active role during the 1986 Edinburgh Games.

His selection as CGF president will maintain the British

royal family's involvement in international sports admin-istration. His sister, the Princess Royal, a former Olympic equestrian competitor, is a member of the memational Olympic Committee and president of the International Equestrian Fed-

(US) of A Mantenorth paraset as in Proc. (17.9). 6-7, 7-6, 5-2 P Hyanthus, and M Koseetmans (Nath) bit P Dochas (Aus) and B Tatrocky (Hun), 6-2, 7-5; D Addense (Aus), and J Allur (So) bit J Armase and F Carvet (So), 6-2, 5-7, 5-4; T Woodshidge and S Youl (Nat) bit S Dertin and S Gay (62), 6-4, 6-3; P Author and D Vesser (SA) bit F Roig (Sp) and T Schermen US, 6-3, 6-4; K Norecesk (C2) and R Osserthun (WG) bit B Custer and D Tyson (Aus), 3-6, 6-3, 9-7.

Steve Baddeley found a con-gratulatory note from the rea-idents of Shirley Street pinned to the door of his Enfield home

when he returned after winning the gold medal in a televised final at the last Commonwealth

This is one of the reasons why the England squad will be keen to equal the achievement of four

Games in Edinburgh.

WOMEN'S DOMBLES: First mend: M Mechadows and L Meshal (USSR) bit A Devrice and S Whateerman (Set), 6-0, 7-5; Q Fornandez and R White (US) bit M Eightner (Set), 4-1; L Field (Assa) and L Gregory (SA) bit A Henricission (US) and T Schwarz-Lessen (Dev), 7-5, 6-4; K Kochwandt (Lind) and C Toleston (92) bit S Maier (WG) and E Perapoulous (Ba), 7-4, 7-6; C MecCimpor and C MacCimpor (US) bit M Bolleyral (Maish and J Darle (SB), 6-4, 3-6, 8-2; J Novotne and H Buitone (C2) bit C Baidsum (Assa) and D van Remabery (SS), 8-2, 6-7, 6-4; S Collins and J Senoller (US), 6-2, 6-7, 6-4; S Collins and J Senoller (US) bit D Jones and S Mechanisms (Aus), 7-6, 7-6; A Melbourish and K Paddord (Jas) bit J Heisterington (Cus) and J Protestice (Mas), 7-6, 7-6; A Melbourish and K Protes (Mas), 8-4, 7-5; A Minter (Mas) and J Protestice (Mas), 8-4, 7-5; A Minter (Mas) and J Protestice (Mas), 8-4, 7-5; A Minter (Mas) and J Protestice (Mas), 8-4, 7-5; A Minter (Mas) and J Protestice (Mas), 8-4, 8-2, 8-2; B Schulz (Melbour) and A Taymenter (Hous) bit I Prote and A Wioodock (Aus), 6-3, 8-2; L Alam (US) and M Jaggard (Aus), 6-3, 8-2; E Paulus (Austria) and K Protest (Min), 6-4, 6-5; B Poulus (Austria) and K Protester (C2) bit E Ologowan and N Seto (Jagen), 6-4, 6-4; A Boot (Aus) bit K Despend M Middowski (Japen), 6-3, 6-1.

who is arguably the most im-

Nothing like that had hap-pened to him before and it illustrates why success in Anck-land is probably more important for the promotion of badminton players, despite the restricted opposition, than any other event in which they play. proved player in the world. However, the Enfield left-However, the Enfield left-hander enmot be ruled out. Neither can England's Euro-pean champion, Durren Hall, nor Steve Butler, who beat Foo Kok in the world championships six months agn. But with the gifted Rushid Sidek, one of four hadmintan playing brothers. badminton-playing brothers, also in their team, the Malayslans may have a slight edge.

gold medals last time. It will be gold medals last time. It will be harder, principally because Malaysia, whose men are amongst the best in the world, will be competing instead of harmstein. be competing instead of beyonting.

Baddeley will, therefore, not be favourite in defeace of his title. That distinction is likely to go to Foo Kok Keong, a nimble-Men to give Welsh spirits a lift

Scotland, unfortunately, can no longer call on the partnership of Billy Gillikand and Dan Travers. They nearly lifted the roof off the Meadowbank stadium when they won one of Scotland's three gold medals at the last Games.

The Scots were greatly relieved yesterday when their singles champion, Anthony may not have improved quite ecouch to sense their greatly than the sense to sense the sense the sense to sense the

Scotland's three gold medals at the last Games.

The Scots were greatly relieved yesterday when their singles champion, Anthony Gallagher, was cleared to take part, even though he does not hold a British passport.

Gallagher, born in the Republic of Ireland, was supplied with a letter by the Home Office stating that his application for a passport was being processed passport was being process passport was being processed and it was quickly established that this would be accepted by the organizers in Auckland. After collecting the letter in London, Gallagher caught the last available flight to New Zealand which would get him there in time.

there in time.

Although the Malaysians may dominate among the men, the England team has hopes of winning all four of the other

door when she gets back. Morgan will carry the Welsh flag

enough to support their ex-cellent mea. Reports that Zhang Ailing, one of the great players of all time, who has emigrated from China, might be available for Malaysia, appear to be incorrect.

Gill Clark and Gillian Gowers

are favourites to retain the women's doubles and Helen Troke and Flous Smith are

likely to battle out the women's singles.

Commonwealth title, while Smith, who won more medals than anyone else last time but

failed to get a gold, wants to atome. She would also be glad to

find a welcome note on her front

Troke is trying for a third

David Morgan, twice a Commonwealth Games weightlifting gold medal winner, has been chosen to carry the Welsh flag at the opening ceremony in Auck-land next Wednesday.

• Mystery surrounds the participation of Swaziland. Games officials denied reports that the African state had deficompeting nations to 57.

Coe clash against Elliott must wait From David Powell, Athletics Correspondent, Auckland

Sepastian Coe has chosen to keep Peter Elliott waiting until the Commonwealth Games 1,500 metres for the first race between them in four between them in four years. Ellion said two days ago that he hoped Coe would appear in the last warm-up race before the Games begin here next Wednesday but Coe announced yesterday that he felt no need for any more competition. After winning over 800 me-tres in Sydney on Sunday, Coe,

Britain's greatest ever middle-distance athlete, who retires from international competition after the Games, said that he was considering a 1,500 metres outing in Auckland this week-end as a final sharpener. Elliott, after breaking in Hamilton, a 26-year-old New Zealand all-comers' 1,000 metres best held by Peter Snell, said that he hoped Coe would turn out because "the better the competition the better it'll be with

But Coe, whose relaxed state of mind says much about how pleased he is with the way his training has gone, said at the Games Village yesterday. "I have found out as much as I need to know. I am into a heavy training week and will start to taper off around next Friday." Both Coe and Ellion have won their two races in the Antipodes since leaving England.

the Games so close".

Coe, with two Olympic gold medals at 1,500 metres, a Euro-pean title at 800 metres and a profusion of world records in his 13-year senior international nitely pulled out. A spokesman said the team had financial problems but he was still hopeful they would arrive in New Zealand to bring the number of shorter distance on Monday

senior international champ-ionship. At the time of the last, the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, he was ranked fourth in Britain and did not go. Nothing that Backley's chal-lengers for gold here have achieved in the preparatory meetings needs give him cause for concern. Mick Hill and Mark Roberson, his England team colleagues, Nigel Bevan, of Wales, and Gavin Lovegrove, of New Zealand, have all thrown in the last week, Lovegrove's 32.64 metres in Hamilton being the best that any of the four most likely to challenge Backley could produce.

a senior, Steve Backley became the world's best javelin thrower.

He won the World Cup, setting a Commonwealth record of 85.90 metres, the European Cup, the

Grand Prix in his event and was

named Britain's male Athlete of

Games will be Backley's first

The bost country has few contenders for gold medals and once Backley gets into his first competition tomorrow since his World Cup win in September, any thoughts of a Lovegrove victory should be dispelled. • The middle-distance runner. John Walker, of New Zealand, has sold the horse that kicked him in the ankle at Hamilton

yesterday. The yearing filly, Swift Zephyr, was sold for £1,000 at the Claudelands sales shortly after the incident, which ag-gravated an Achilles tendon injury and forced Walker to pull out of a 1,000 metres showdown with Peter Elliott

Birmingham to Crystal Palace Australia are also taking part.

ENGLAND: J Thompson (Sicupi). J Summers-Rayley (Bouleyheath). J Crook (Highlown). J Santh (Sevendels). Enterdier (Sough). Endingson (Chelmsford, apptam). A Green (Esting). S Wright (Igswich). L'Addell (Chelmsford). J Green (Chelmsford). J Lewis (Esting). K Edwards it alcheards

AUSTRALIA: T Unwin, S Smith, T ERc. L Brown, J Bartley, D Cole, N Lecny, L Lambert, C Hodges, K Richards, E Orr, K

cration, a post previously held by Prince Philip.

The ban imposed on Dean Willey, the double Common-wealth Games champion, by the British Weightlifting Associ-

ation for failing a drugs test has, ironically, deprived England of one of the best chances of winning a gold medal in this sport in Auckland. Willey, who won the 67.5kg

Morgan, who missed the last world championships in Athens, is aiming to win his third title in Edinburgh in 1986, was a leading contender for the 75kg consecutive gold medal while Davies, a winner of silver at world and European champcrown. His suspension greatly improves the chances of Ron Laycock, a Taxmanian sheep ionship level, is simply un-challenged in the 110kg farmer, who is sure to be closely challenged by Ricky Chaplin, an Englishman lifting for Wales.

Wales, in fact, have by far the Davies in Athens, is likely to strongest squad in the com-petition, for they are fielding a india, tradition india, traditionally one of the world-class duo in Andrew Da-vies and David Morgan, the only two British lifters to have won world and European the gold medals in the 52kg, championship medals in the last 50kg and 60kg divisions. In the

soltg and 60kg divisions. In the 52kg class, Alan Ogilvie, of Scotland, Greg Hyman, of Australia - the champion - and his compatriot. Pedro Sanchez, seem outmatched by the two brilliant Indians, Chandrasekar and Velu. In the 56kg class, Ransulami, of India, reigns supreme while his compatriot, Kumaresan, could take the gold at 60kg, unless the Nigerian, heavyweight class. England's at 60kg, unless the Nigerian, Mark Thomas, fourth behind lbitade Kayode, spikes his guas.

ICC urged to consider captains' orders

The call for an international panel of umpires, to be drawn on as and when opposing countries wish, is now too widely heard and significantly supported to be postponed beyond the next meeting, in England in the summer, of the International Cricket Council

Seldom a Test match passes these days, let alone a whole series, without the captains espousing the cause, believing it to be the best way of eliminating controversy.

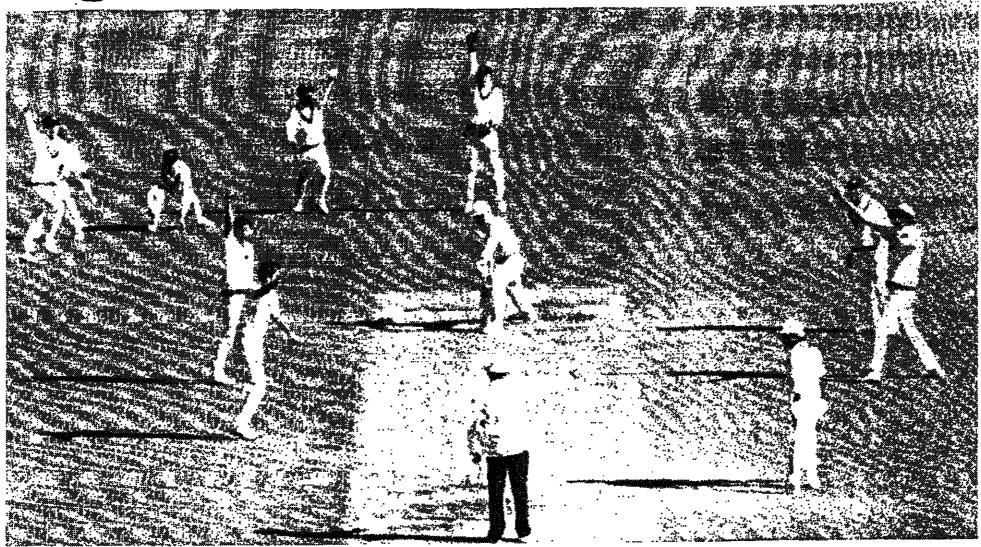
Allan Border and Imran Khan are powerful advocates of what they call "neutrality". So is Viv Richards. So, almost without exception, are the other Test captains, together

Imran says that having two Englishmen umpiring Pakistan's recent series with India was the making of it. "For the first time in many years it was a pleasant series. The crowds accepted the umpires' de-cisions and so did the Press and the players, although they were sometimes the wrong

That the last World Cup in India and Pakistan passed off without any suggestion this or that match was rigged, or this or that umpire had cheated, was because umpires never stood in matches involving their own countries.

Much the same Australian mance of Mahboob Shah, of Pakistan, in the final against allowed to detract from their in his job, his career, his England in India, were con- victory. vinced that he was nothing but a bounder when he began to believe, the West Indies, um-give them out in a Test in pires are not themselves of a job." Karachi a vear later.

In Australia's series with international panel — a view Pakistan, which started only a shared by the Australian week ago, there is already Cricket Board (ACB), will dissatisfaction. Among Paki-discuss the issue today. stanis because of the frequency with which they were adjudged leg-before in the first only the English are full-time Test; and among Australians professionals. The rest of us because the way it happened — have other jobs," Tony



Court of appeal: Australian fielders arise in unison, pressuring the umpire into a decision, as Terry Alderman, the bowler, attempts to claim a Pakistani wicket. The verdict was "out

running out - has been

In Australia and, also, I enamoured at the idea of an Cricket Board (ACB), who will

"Most umpires reach their peak between 40 and 50, and man of that vintage to chuck different reasons. The umpires superannuation, just to go on anyway. There is some truth in all an international panel? If he

Peter McConnell, one of the umpires in the recent Test in Melbourne, said: "I know how high the ball bounces in Perth and how much it spins in Sydney, but I am not sure about pitches in Karachi and Christchurch or at Lord's.

fails dismally, he could be out

"Local knowledge is a big thing for umpires and I worry six leg-befores in Pakistan's Crafter, one of Australia's that, after a year of neutral has got progressively more second innings, including the most experienced umpires, umpiring, the players would urgent. "Everywhere you go

will cop it in the neck, has said

overcome, none of them anything like insuperable. Colin Egar, himself a former Test umpire and now chairman of the ACB, was talking of the possibilities of an international panel as long ago as 1982 at a seminar in Sri

that. There are also admin-

istrative difficulties to be

Since then, the call for one

side which had been more that appear resonant in ap umpiring ... the game is tween Mike Gatting and suffering as a result," Imran Shakoor Rana would never Shakoor Rana would never

> I think, in fact, that as many series would pass without sides choosing to use a panel as with their doing so. England and Australia would almost certainly settle for the status quo. I imagine most sides well as the majority of those coming to Australia.

On the other hand, if Pakistan had been granted their wish and been allowed neutral umpires for their last series

took their disappointment unhave happened.

It is not a matter of neutral umpires being compulsory, but of an official panel being available for those who think that a series would be improved by their using it. As a way of gaining experience, going to England would, as home umpires could be given control, by right, of all one-

day internationals. The umpiring would not necessarily have been much different had John Hampshire and John Holder, for example, year trial. But do let's get on

commonly well.

There would not have been the same potential, though, for discontentment had Pakistan had the chance before the series started, even if they had not taken it, of having a couple of outside arbiters. I cannot believe that it is

beyond the wit of the ICC to allay Australian fears, devise a scheme that is financially and socially attractive to all umpires, and to give it, say, a two-

three on tour team

By Steve Acteson

Trans World International (TWI), the Mark McCormack-owned television company, which is to provide live ball-byball coverage on Sky Television of England's international fixtures during the forthcoming tour to the West Indies, as well as edited highlights for the BRC yesterday announced its team of

Tony Greig, who will be Sky's anchorman, and Tony Lewis, who will anchor the BBC programmes, will provide com-mentary with the West Indian journalist, Tony Cozier. A third former England captain, Geoff Boycott, will be used as a match

analyst.
TWI will also provide programmes to a US cable station which serves America's West Indian, Pakistani and Indian This will be the first time that

an England tour of the West lodies has been shown live in Britain and TWI is hoping, eventually, to make a profit on an initial outlay which is in excess of £1 million. excess of £1 million.

The company will be taking out three and a half tons of equipment, including seven cameras, and 16 staff. Another four technicians are being drafted in from the United States and six more have been recruited in the West Indies.

In Antigua and Guyana, TWI will use a 35-foot truck with an eight-metre satellite dish to beam the signal to British viewers via the Intelsat satellite,

Major Path One.

A total of 200 hours of live coverage will be available to Sky's 1.15 million subscribers om the five Tests and five oneday games, from early afternoon to late evening. Cameras will be mounted at

both ends and a high-powered parabolic special effects micro-phone will be employed.

TWI's coverage will also include England's off-field activities and Bill Sinrich, the executive producer, said: "We will not shy away from anything that appears a legitimate story. We are not going to stir up trouble nor act as a catalyst for it but we won't turn our heads away because we want to be seen to be independent, both on and

Pride will be tourists' best asset

From Richard Streeton Johannesburg

The only certainty, as the English cricketers under Mike Gatting left last night for their South African tour, is that a considerable drama is about to unfold. Their own fierce professional pride and determination to do well should be the greatest asset as they try to put aside any mental turmoil still

They have, let it be stressed, made a choice given them by the International Cricket Council's cricket prospects for the next South African-bound party years of banishment, they will have ample time to reflect Disillusionment with the English game was a factor for several. In the view of their

detractors, though, these cricketers are guilty of moral myopia by putting lucrative cash rewards ahead of all else.

Reviled is too strong a word, perhaps, but in many minds a certain stigma will always re-main attached to their names. That much is indisputable at this juncture, in spite of the estionable changes for the better taking place in South Africa. This background, how-ever unpalatable, has to be

TOUR ITINERARY AND PARTY

Provided the threatened demonstrations permit, and remembering the South Africans will be out to prove

that some fascinating cricket is in store. John Emburey, vicecaptain to Gatting, has openly claimed that the party would beat the side England is taking to the West Indies. What a match that could prove if anybody had the gail to stage it next

players became known - the the Ashes to Australia - for English supporters to console

TOUR ITRERARY: Jan 26-28: v Combried Bowl XI (at Kimberley); Jan 30-Feb 1: v South African Universities XI (at Bloemforshein); Feb 3-5: v South African Invitation XI (at Pletermentizburg); Feb 8-13: first live-day international (at Johannesburg); Feb 16-21: second five-day international (at Cape Town); Feb 23: v South Africa (at Port Elizabett); day-night); Feb 27: v South Africa (at Cape Town; day-night); Riench 1: v South Africa (at Verwoordburg; day-night); March 2: v South Africa (at Verwoordburg; day-night); March 2: v South Africa (at Johnsenburg), March 5: v Sout

It was fashionable last August

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vould not be m was only partially true. 1981-82 when the last unofficial

a sixth following his recall for the West Indies tour.

that England in the next year or so will not miss Gatting, that most resolute of batsmen, or the fast bowlers. Dilley, Foster and Jarvis? DeFreitas changed his mind – like the other coloured player Butcher - to deprive the South Africans of both a propa-ganda coup and a talented all-

Thomas, Ellison and the spincomplete a pretty good bowling hand for Gatting Admittedly a question-mark in some cases has to be placed against them all ig hit on the hi African grounds but the itin-erary is not as searching as that

likely to succeed in the coming weeks. If Athey, Barnett, Robinson and Wells are sometimes, for one reason or another, faulted by the theorists, they have good credentials behind them. Maynard, arguably the greatest long-term loss to English cricket, completes a strong batting list. Add Cowdrey's penchant for the one-day game and the reliable wicketk of French and it is clear why the merits of this touring party should not be denigrated.

Team's flight into obscurity By Simon Wilde Mike Gatting and the 15 other

members of his unofficial Eng-land party are expected to fly into South Africa today and into international cricketing ob-scurity. The five-year bans from representing their country that they will receive for making the seven-week tour take to 43 the known number of players still active in first-class cricket who punishments, introduced on April 1 last year by the Inter-national Cricket Council (ICC), for being involved with the game

The South African Cricket Union (SACU) was determined to break the ICC's blockade from the moment it was annonnced almost a year ago, and will no doubt claim a victory in achieving such a figure. It is, though, nowhere near as high as the number of overseas players in the country last winter, when about 30 English first-team professionals visited (this time there are only 12, of whom one, ig, has retired from county

forfeited their qualification with England, seven with Australia, six with West Indies and two with Zimbabwe.

PLAYERS PAYING THE PRICE

ENGLAND QUALIFIED (all England XI): C W J Amey, K J Barnett, B C Broed, C S Cowdrey, G R Dilley, R M Elison, J E Embursy, N A Foster, B N French, M W Gatting, D A Graveney, P W Jarvis, M P Maynard, R T Robinson, J G Thomas, A P

ENGLAND QUALIFIED: S J Base (Border), R A Burning, M J Cann (Orange Free State B), A R Clarke, R A Cobb, N G Cowley, J J E Harty (Western Province), G C Holmes (Border), S J S Kimber (Natal

shows that the threat of an international ban has scarcely deterred players in the twilight of their careers, for whom such a penalty is virtually meaningless. penalty is virtually meaningness. Many of the players in Gatting's party fall into this category. Only a few of the side, such as Maynard and Jarvis, could be said to have had genuinely promising futures.

Of the 27 others, who have been hanned for four years for playing or coaching in South Africa, nine are former internationals (Kim Hughes, McCurdy, Magaire, Steve Smith and Wessels, of Australia, Clarke and King, of West Indies, and Curran and Rawson of

Itarisvasi, G J Panions (Litarge Pres State).

AUSTRALIA QUALEPED: Mi D Haysman (Northern Transvasi), G A Hughes (Orange Pres State), K J Hughes (Natal), R J McCurdy (Eastern Province), J N Maguire (Eastern Province), S B Smith (Transvasi), K C Wessels (Eastern Province), WEST BADIES QUALIFIED: H L Alleyne (Natal), S T Clarke (Northern Transvasi), R O Estwick (Transvasi), A L Johnson (Western Province), C L King (Nasai), E N Trottom (Border). R O Estwick (Tranèvest), A L Johnso (Western Province), C L King (Natas), E Trotran (Border). ZIMBABWE GUALIFIED: K M Curro (Natas), P W E Rawson (Natas).

But among them seven had already toured South Africa with unofficial sides since last playing for their country and only Rawson could have ex-pected to play for the national side again.
Although the SACU may be

rejoicing at the arrival of Gatting's team, the greater tri-maph surely belongs to the ICC. The ICC introduced its penalties The ICC introduced its penalties not in the vain hope of preventing every last cricketer from going to South Africa, but to stop disruption of the international programme through disputes over players' sporting links with the Republic. In this, it appears, it is being successful.

Sri Lanka are held up by Waldron effort

Bendigo, Australia (Reuter) — A score of 51 not out by Terry Waldron, the captain, enabled the Australian Country XI to take a slender first-innings lead over Sri Lanka on the second day of their three-day match

The Country XI declared four runs ahead at 238 for nine. Sci Lanka were 20 for one in their second innings at the close Graham Gooch, the England captain of Essex for the 1990 season, with Derek Pringle as

his vice-captain. Adrian Jones, the Somerset opening bowler, has signed a ew contract for this year. Roy

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Marshall, the county's cricket chairman, said: "We are delight-ed he has decided to stay with A young cricketers' development trust in memory of

Wilf Slack, the Middlesex and England opening batsman who collapsed and died in The Gambia last year, is to be launched on February 9 with a dinner at Lord's. The first target is to provide a cricket net for young players in St Vincent, the West Indies, where he was born.

SCHOOLS RUGBY

Jones and Butt bolster Llandovery Tennis and skiing may

Llandovery's good form continues. On Wednesday they won a stirring match against Brynteg with I Jones, their international full back, and Q Butt, in the-Eltham have had a discentre, always prominent. Llandovery's points came from

es (2), Bourne, Butt

Brynteg's try scorer's were: Archard, Diamond, Treadwell and Lloyd. Diamond made one conversion. Llandovery have lost only to Peterhouse from e and Christ College, Brecon, but their next two matches are against Gowerton and QEH School, Bristol, both

and Lewis. Jones kicked three

of which are unbeaten.

Liverpool College are enjoying their best season for many years and are celebrating the hool's 150th anniversary with a séven-a-side tournament on March 17. Among their victories in the fifteen-a-side game were Ellesmere, Rydal, MerBy Michael Stevenson

chant Taylors', Birkenhead and Wirral GS. M Malloy and M Nugent represented Lancashire

appointing season, winning three and losing seven matches but they reached the Plate final in the St Joseph's Festival at In the St Josephs residual at Ipswich and their full back, Peter Demetriou, was voted player of the tournament. Lower down the school U-12, U-13s. and U-15s have, between the lost only two matches and the U-13s are still unbeaten.

Rathkeale (New Zealand) ended their European tour un-beaten with a 33-3 victory came from: Gray (3), Kenvig (2), and Pickering. Owles kicked a penalty and three conversions.
ARGS, High Wycombe have won their first two matches of 1990, beating Irish tourists, Clongowes (10-3) and Piffin (15-8). Their commendable record

TODAY'S FIXTURES

SNOCKER: European Open qualifying rounds (Stackpool).

SPORT ON TV

NICAN FOOTBALL: Screenspo National Football Langue:

BASKETBALL: Screensport 11.45em 12.15pm: American League: Eurosport 3 5pm: Highlights of the European circuit.

BOXING: Eurosport 6-7pm: Superbouts: Norton v All from Las Vegas: Screensport midnight: Tpo Rank event from the United

CYCLING: Eurosport 12-2pm: Highlights of the Tour de France.

CURLING: Europert 2-8 and 8-Spire Highlights of the Moncton Skies tour-nament from New Brunswick, Canada.

FOOTBALL: Screensport 10-11.45cm; Spanish League: Barcelone v Red Zeragoza.

MOBIL MOTOR SPORT NEWS: Eurosport

ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 7.30-9.30pm: National Hockey Langue.

now reads: Played 19, won 18, lost 1, for 619, against 109.

King William's College, Isle of Man have 10 wins and five defeats to report, scoring 348 points to 201 conceded. Recent wins were recorded against High School, Dublin (16-12), St mba's (20-3) and Bluecoat School, Reading (45-4), but QEGS, Wakefield defeated King William's (22-12).

Haberdashers' Aske's won six, lost seven and drew two matches. The highlight was a 0other drawn match was against QEGS, Barnet (4-4) and several of the defeats were by a slender margin: for example 11-10 against King Henry VIII, Coventry. Three encouraging wins were recorded to end the season: v Berkhamstead (13-10), v Wesley College, Perth (22-3), and v Bedford Modern (16-15).

MOTOR CYCLING: Screensport 9.3011.30pm: Ice Speedway: Highlights of the 1990 World quarter-final from halyMOTOR SPORT: Screensport 4-5pm; Review of the 1989 European Reflycates championships: European 7-5pm; Highlights of the 1989 Forenski One and Motor Cycling Grand Priz circuit.

POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL

POWERSPUTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 6-6pm. RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 2:80-4pm and 10:30pm-midnight: French League: Toutouse v XIII Catalan, and English: Wigan v Sheffield Eagles. SIGNIC: Eurosport 11:8m-midday: Live coverage of the Mear's Desmithil training session from Kitchuhel, Austria.

SNOOKER: Eurosport 12-1am (tomorrow): Highlights of the United Kingdom chargologysthes.

championships.

SPORT ON FRIEDAY: 89C2 2.15-4pm:
Sestother: Highlights of the World Irrethouse thempionships from Crystal Pal-son: Regay Union: Preview to the Fire Nations championship: Commonwealth

SURFING: Eurosport 6.30-7pm: Serie

TENNES: Eurosport 10-11em, 5-6 and 10-11pm: Highlights of the Australian Open from Finders Park, Melbourne.

WEIGHTLIFTING: Eurosport 11pm-mid-night: Highlights of the Women's World championables from Manchester.

UPDATE: Screensport 7,30pm

be given elite status

By Mark Herbert

Proposals to hold elite tennis June, but that never matand skiing championships will be considered at the British BSSF will also consider at the Student Sports Federation's (BSSF) committee meeting on Monday. If approved, the events will commence in 1991

envisaged would take the top performers from the individual polytechnic, university and coll-ege championships, and have them compete in a single tour-nament. The tennis event would qualifying competition.

year were selected on past rankings, rather than up to date The idea of a national student

plan, aimed at emulating the

success of the American colle-

giate system, was suggested,

taking place as a forerunner to

tennis championship has existed for several years; in 1985 a

meeting a national athletics championship although this may run into problems simply through finding a way to accommodate the volume of competitors. Also on the agenda is the Sports Council submission on allocation of funds for student sport over the next four years. Betford College won their inaugural rugby league match, against a Loughborough University A team, 46-10, at Loughborough on Sunday.
 Bristol Polytechnic, last season's rugby union finelists heat

son's rugby union finalists, beat Oxford Polytechnic 15-10 in a closely fought game to reach the quarter-finals. Bristol led 15-0 at • Leeds University won the Stone Ginger Wine indoor five-a-side football tournament at Reading University at the week-

end. They beat Keele seconds who had disposed of their first team - the UAU champions on penalties in the semi-final. RESULTS: Sout-fixed: Leeds 3, Reading 3 (Leeds won on pens); Keele II 3, Keele II 3 (Keele II 2.

ICE HOCKEY

Group D of the world cham-

country since 1950, when Wembley. Harringay, Streatharn and Earls Court were the venues and Canada won the gold medal. Durham Wasps, who have for a dispensed with the services of Beck.

Brad Beck and Robert Forbes Hockey League rights are held by New Jersey Devils, was tempted back to the United States after only one day in

man League, has signed, how-ever, and will make his debut against Nottingham Panthers on Saturday. The search is still on SKIING

Warm weather postpones training

downhill race here yesterday.

The race jury said it was calling off the second official practice because of continuing high temperatures. On Wednesday it called off the first session because the snow was too soft and the ground was clearly visible on the upper part of the

course.
"Temperatures at the course four degrees Centigrade, and the

two obligatory training runs before the race, the jury decided to hold two sessions on Friday,

one in the morning and one in

the afternoon.

The jury decided on Wednesday to hold the race itself over two legs — the first two-leg downhill in the world cup's 24-year history — with aggregate times deciding the results. The snow was too soft at the top of the piste, according to the jury.

German resort (Reuter reports).

An International Ski Federation (FIS) official said yesterday that the Lenggries event and two other women's World Cup races postponed from West German venues would be staged in Santa Caterina on the dates originally

scheduled. Downhill (from Pironten); January Super-g (Langgries); January 28: statom (Berchiesgaden).

3.0 (2m) 1, FRIENDLY COAST (J Culmr, 11-1); 2, Silica Domino (G Carter, 13-2); 3, Sing The Bines (T Williams, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Brown Ribe, 7 Guilare, 15-2 Solitary Resper (4th), 8 Sulvez Moi, 9 Toscana (8th), 10 Royal Hunt, 14 West, 25 Avesus (5th), Caspel Chines, 12 ran, 1%, M, 10, 3, 2%1. D Thom at Newmarket, 10 to:: £31:10; £4.30, \$2.80, £2.00. DF: £108.40, CSP: £79.79, Tricset: £249.70, 3min 28.88eec.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

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1.15 (2m 150yd hdle) 1. SiLVER KING (P
Scudamore, 2-5 fav); 2, Panchhag (B
Powel, 12-1); 3, Michyban (B de Hasen, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Pontswectho Notes
(4th), 33 Autumn Gold (ur.), 40 Carpe Diam
(shi), Nurse's Niese (pu), 66 Ever Panto
(pu), My Dark Rosateen (b), 9 ran. dist, 10,
dist, 151, M Pipe at Wedington. Tote:
51:30; 21:10, 21:20, 21:10. DF: 23:80.

CSF: 57:00.

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1.45 (2m 150yd ch) 1, BillBROOK (S Meckey, 100-30); 2, Winshlebell (A Charlton, 14-1); 3, Butlers Pet (R Greene, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Super Express (5th), 5-2 Broad Beam (4th), 50 Arctic Mariner (8th), 6 ran. 51, 40, 12, 22, dat. G Ham at Axbridge, Tote: \$4.00; \$2.10, \$4.20, DF: \$14.50, CSF: \$24.64.

\$4.20. DF: £14.50. CSF: £24.64.
2.15 (2m 150yd hdie) 1, TRES SPORTIF
(D Richmond, 7-2); 2, Musical Moments (S
Turner, 11-2); 3, Holio Sweetle (D Matthews. 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav
Taskalady (4th), 7-2 Nans Jewel (ur), 7
Pretty Precoclous (pu), 16 Easy Matich
(pu), 33 Miss Küpatrick (5th), 8 ran. NR:
Deercal Bancar, Gid Deer Park. 11, 12,
dat, 30. M Pipe at Wetlington, Tota: £3.70;
£1.50, £1.40, £7.40. DF: £8.60, CSF:
£20.94.

220.94.

2.45 (3m 2f 100yd ch) 1, BOYAL, ATHLETE (M Phman, 1-2 fav); 2, Last House (D Gelfaghor, 11-4); 3, Carving Kalle (A Adams, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 11 Redsily (5th), 14 Shipwright (4th), 95 Duke Of Abson, 100 Celtic Capri (6th), Cryffe Haze (pa), Georgan Bay (pu), Goldan Ozy (pu), Manchesterskytrán (pu), 11 ran, 8, dist, 11/1, 151, 11/1, Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn, Tote: \$1.70: \$1.20, \$1.10, \$7.40. Df: \$1.90. CSF: \$2.27. E7.40. OF: £1.90. CSF: £2.27.
3.15 2m 150yd hde) 1, ARDAM (Mr G Johnson Houghton, 10-1); 2. Kaishan (P Scudamore, 4-7 tav); 3. Sporting idol (B Powel, 33-1), ALSO RAN: 4 Plausible, 12 Marsh Afink, 14 Golden Sound (4th), 33 Binght Corner (5th), Electric Microry (pu), 40 Wheat Prosper (6th), 50 Tom's Little Will, Shorsham Lady (f), Aldonis, Currant Offer (pu), 13 rsn. %I, 10, 12, 7, 12, R Johnson Houghton at Blewbury, Tote: £8.80; £2.40, £1.30, £3.30. DF: £6.40. CSF: £15.98.

3.45 (3m 2f 110yd hdie) 1, JERYS LINE (Ales S. Watermen, 10-1); 2, Clima (P. Davies, 11-1); 3, Terna Di Siene (A. Carroll, 9-1); ALSO RAN: 11-4 tay Rein De Tout (pu), 9-2 Duckneven (ref), 5 Graffon Massey (6th), 13-2 Mezhara (4th), 12 Mister Goot (pu), 14 Shashrib Boy (5th), 20 Senton Ash (pu), 50 Alarm Cell (ur), Os Fever (pu), Revestaton, Indian Surrise (pu), Cotehèle (pu), 15 cm. ½, 12, 15, 25, 15, Miss S. Watermen at Dorchester, Tole-29-90; 21.70, 23.20, 22.40, DF: 2229.00. CSF: 2109.85, Tricest: 2340.27. CSF: 2109,85, Tricast: 2340,27, Placepot: 2180,79,

Lingfield Park

1.0 (7) 1, TROJAN GENERAL (R Wernham, 100-30); 2, Noble Soul (G Carter, 6-4 (I-fav); 3, Great Service (R P Elicit, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 (I-fav) Psychol Sonny (4th). 4 ran. 254, 3, Mr. D Marray Smith at Upper Lambourn, Toler, 24-80; DF; 23-20, CSF; 28-20, 1 min 28,12 spc.

2.0 (7) 1, MONTPELIER LAD (W Flyan, 14-1); 2, Lurking (G Carter, 3-1); 3, Yeoman Hid (C Dwyer, 5-2), ALSO RANE 5-4 fav Dr Maccaster (450), 20 Spring Drn. 38 Keny Boy (60h), Mylordanyor (50h), Strarp Irwin, 8 ran, Nr. 251, 11, nr. 61, W Hastings-Beas et West Baley. Tota: 1230; 2250, 2150, 2130, Dr: 220.10. CSF: 253.68, 1min 27.08sec.

3min 28.88ec.
3.30 (1sn 4) 1, SSR RUFUS (L. Davis, 5-2);
2. Sheep Thiste (A. Spence, 6-1); 3, Deliar Selar (Melody Town, 20-1), ALSO RAN;
2 fav Hospitatols (4th), 4 Burn Bridge (8th), 9 Crystal Spray (5th), 14 Forcalio, 33 Court Charmer, 8 ran, 3, sh hd, 7, 44, C. Nalson at Upper Lambourn, Tota; 22.80; 51.10, 22.50, 25.50, DF; £5.60, CSF; 517.50, Tricast; £227.51, 2min 34.90sc. Fiscapot \$22.50. Police are investigating a fire, believed to be the work of vandals, which damaged the first fence in the straight at Wolverhampton on Wednesday RAPID • RESULTS 0898:168:168



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HOCKEY: Royal Bank Indoor Club Cup finals (Crystal Palace).

them were aged about 30 and their Test careers were virtually behind them was the loose generalization bandied about. It Similar claims were made in

English side went to South Africa. The names of that team confirm that they had plenty of cricket left in them: Amiss, Boycott, Emburey, Gooch, Hendrick, Humpage, Knott, Larkins, Lever, Old, Les Taylor, Underwood, Willey and Woolmer. Five played Test cricket again after serving their ban and Larkins should become

ners, Emburey and Graveney,

of most official tours.
Gatting and Broad would seem to be the batsmen most

cricket).
Of the 43 players, 28 have

STUDENT SPORT

and form the basis of selection trials for the World Student Games and Winter Games. In both cases, the format

have a wild-card system to allow top overseas students to take part without having played in a Both events are needed. The Alpine skiing team at the Studeut Winter Games in Sofia last

the Beckenham tournament in

Cardiff will host titles

pionships will be held at the two of their imports, thought they had found replacements in Shane Doyle, aged 22, and John Ollson, aged 26, both Canadians. But Doyle, whose National Spain and Australia, the three countries playing one anothertwice, the winners being promoted to group C for next It will be the first senior world

Durham. Ollson, who has been playing championship to be held in this for Duisburg in the West GerGolacz standard

1.20 (6) 1, SWedg NORTH (S Wood, 2-1 fav); 2, Skift Supplies (T Ouinn, 12-1); 3, Yetcesen (J Culinn, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Royal Brink (4th), Blazing Sunset, 7 Tara's Gid (5th), 10 Gray Tudor (6th), 20 Little Ripper, 33 Angiointernational, 9 ran, 2½, 4, 2, 11, 41, D Chapman at Skilington, Tota: 23.30; £1.40, £2.80, £1.20. DF: £43.90, CSF: £25.34, 1asin 13.99ecc.

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10-1); 2, Jucumer (P Bloomfeld, 2-1 fav);
3, Tance Are Hard (N Adams, 9-4). ALSO
RAN: 9-2 Beechwood Cottage (4m), 9
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Lambourn. Tota: 56.80; 51.30, 51.30,
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Captains three on Sky TV's Sydden Victory, an impressive Sydden Victory, and impressive Sydden Vic

Sudden Victory, an impressive winner in the hands of Kevin Mooney at Plumpton nine days ago, is napped to follow up against stronger opposition in the Ashford Novices' Hurdle at Kempton today.

If as I anticipate, he passes this test with flying colours, a crack at the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury is a distinct possibility. Victory today would not incur a penalty for that big Newbury handicap in which he has been allotted 10st 4lb.

On the Flat, Sudden Victory would be rated superior to all his rivals this afternoon, having finished a most creditable second in the group three St Decided over today's course Simon Stakes at Newbury in and distance last February, the autumn.

1.30 Mount Oliver. 2.00 SUDDEN VICTORY (nap). 2.30 For The Grain.

FORM FOCUS TROUT ANGLER stayed on to beet Fesce Judge 11 in a slow 3-numer affair at thincation (3m 11, firm) on his responsemence; laisest pulled up for the 3rd time in 4 starts.

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MOUNT OLIVER made a winning reappearance with a XII detect of Providence Lodge at Notingham (Str.,

RIVERNEAD has subsequently beaten flux To Form at Folkestone (2m 100yd, good to soft) with

FORM FOCUS SR'S AT THE GAN Spirmay 12 at Huntingdon (2nr 4f, soil) on only his Ond start over tences. Appears to have taken well to the larger obetacles and can improve further.

the larger obstacles and can improve further. FOR THE GRAIN, unbeaten in four starts over

2.30 SUNBURY NOVICES CHASE (£3,272: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

506 510- PENDENNIS 282 (5) (Contesse De Brye) N Henderson 7-207 0F1/900 SPLENDIO FELLOW 3 (6,5) (Recing Thoroughbeds Pil-306 5829-50 BUSY NRTTENS 11 (5) (Mrs H Bare) M McCourt 9-10-13 . 309 065/FFP CLOVER SONG 20 (5) (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley

2.0 ASHFORD NOVICES HURDLE (£2,038: 2m) (17 runners)

2-0 BROOKTRIO 10 (R Pike) Mrs P Sty 5-10-10... 80 CREVE COEUR 61 (M Moss) S Dow 5-10-10.



Kevin Mooney: has ride on Sudden Victory at Kempton

hand but still sufficient in my view. For instance, when Sudden Victory was runner-up to and distance last February, ne autumn.

Riverhead was 2% lengths
Over hurdles, he has less in behind in fourth place. They

3.00 Breakfast Car.

3.30 Royal Square. 4.00 Senegalais.

good): tatest 2%1 2nd to Golden Minestrel at Chitienham (3m 11, good to firm) with IMARSHLANDER, lab worse off) 11 3rd.

MARSHLANDER, has yet to finish out of the frame in a busy season, recorded his fourth success with an if defect of Montgomery in a match at Towcesser (3m 1904, firm).

SIRRAH JAY won successive handicaps at Wincardon (2m 51, soft) and Fornwell (2m 31, heavy) last season; latest has jumped poorly and pulled up in both starts this term. GREENORE PRINE 81 2nd to Young Nicholas at Nottinghem (2m 81, good).

Selection: MARSHLANDER

SUDDEN VICTORY only needed to be pushed out to

KEMPTON PARK

Selections By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 4 00 SRNRGALAIS (nan). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 FOR THE GRAIN.

1.30 HANWORTH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,360: 3m) (9

| 101 6197-19 TROUT ANGLER 30 (D.F.Q.S) (P Train) Miss P O'Connor 9-11-11 | 102 1649/F4 WILDWOOD 21 (F.S) (P Smith) R Cartis 10-11-10 | 3 Mason 103 9F-1678 WESPOOL 24 (F.G) (R Spooner) M Robinson 8-11-8 | J Raftee 104 222123 MARSHLAMDER 18 (D.SF,F (O Pierce) D Gendolfo 11-11-5 | M Ahem 105 M31-125 PB 22 (SF,P) (Mrs S Greatheed) T Grastheed 8-11-1 | D Deligher 106 211-122 MOUNT OLIVER 18 (V.D.F.Q.S) (D Smith) R Dickfn 12-10-11 | M Jones 107 USPH-PP SURSH JAY 27 (R.S) (Whitconthe Manor Racing) N Mitchell 10-10-11 | A Tory 108 8432-52 GREENORE PRIDE 15 (b.Q.S) (A Baird Tennis Courts) P Burgoyne 13-10-0 | A Charitine 109 Residen 109 Resid

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204 OP DUMSANY PLAYBOY 22 (M Marray) P Butter 6-10-10 S MicKeever (S) DUMSANY PLAYBOY 22 (M Marray) P Butter 6-10-10 R Dumonody 88
205 SEMPRE BLUE 24 (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 7-10-10 R Dumonody 89
206 12 GOLD SERVICE 14 (D.RF.,R) (W Norton) M Ppe 5-10-10 P Scalemore 94
207 PO KIRAM 38 U Goering) J Long 5-10-10 R Attainert 5-10-10 R Rowell LOANBROOMLE 61F (RA'S S Crane) R Attainert 5-10-10 R Rowell LOANBROOMLE 61F (RA'S S Crane) R Attainert 5-10-10 R Rowell LOANBROOMLE 61F (RA'S S Crane) R Attainert 5-10-10 R Rowell 210 GO PENTHOUSE C 14 (Mrs D Welle-Kendrew) A Dusten 9-10-10 D Marries 211 246-41 RIVERNEAD 14 (D.S) (White Horse Racing) D Elsworth 6-10-10 R Powell 98
212 OF ROMAN CRACKESHOT 28 (Mrs C Ockwell) J O'Donoghue 5-10-10 M Parison 213 ROYAL GROOM 199F (G Kilcorm) C Horgen 5-10-10 N Device 215 SPECIAL RESERVE 8 F (G Kilcorm) C Horgen 5-10-10 N Device 215 SPECIAL RESERVE 8 F (G Kilcorm) C Horgen 5-10-10 N Device 216 329-1 SUDDEN VICTORY 9 (D.S) (R Sanguer) B Hills 6-10-10 N Device 39
217 P PLICATE 24 (M Barries) M Benics 6-10-5 D Sickieur 6-10-10 N Device 39
218 ENTHING: 11-4 Sudden Victory, 3-1 Riverhead, 7-2 Empire Elize, 6-1 Pearl Prospect, 6-1 Gold Service, 1998; BATTALIOM 5-10-10 P Scudernore (6-2 farr) C Brooks 12 ran

1989: RATTALION 5-10-10 P Scudemore (5-2 fav) C Brooks 12 na

FORM FOCUS EMPIRE BLUE made over timber when 1%I 3rd of 17 to Terryland over today's course and distance (good) with care today's course and distance (good) with care today's course and distance (good) with a SIVERHEAD (seems terms) 1%I 44s and ROMMAI CRACKSHOT behind when tailing at the 6th.

REVERNEAD has subsequently beaten Run To Form

1 P00-821 SBYS AT THE GRN 24 (D,F,G,B) (Lady Gibbings) J Gillord 9-11-8 ________ T Grandium
2 421210 CERTAIN STYLE 275 (G,S) (P Stamp) O Sherwood 7-11-4 _______ J Oshome
3 9/1111-2 POR THE GRAIN 23 (F,G,S) (H Joe) D Nicholeon 6-11-4 ______ R Deswoody 6
4 PP- HACKLESTON 297 (G) (P Hayward) P Hayward 11-11-4 ______ B Wright
5 42561-4 PALMERSTON 807 18 (S) (Palmington Business Centre) A Moore 7-11-4 ______ J White
5 510- PENDENNIS 282 (S) (Contesses De Brye) N Henderson 7-11-4 ______ J White
7 0F1,000 SPLEIGOD FELLOW 30 (G,S) (Recing Thoroughbride Ptc) G Gracey 9-11-4. R Goldstein

Empire Blue, when both were held at bay by Tinryland and Gaasid. Riverhead has since won easily at Folkestone.

Useful form that both Gold Service and Pearl Prospect can flaunt, it still does not compare with that of Sudden Victory, whose confidence should have been boosted by that easy win at Plumpton.

Another win for Sudden Victory will certainly highlight the chance that Regal Lake has of capturing the Walton Nov-ices' Hurdle later in the programme. For having won his first race under National Hunt rules easily enough at Taun-ton, Jenny Pitman's four-yearold was then second to my nap at Plumpton.

In this instance, though, I him.

Royal Square is trained at Pulborough by Guy Harwood.

Having had a race over the Kempton fences already, For The Grain can use that to his advantage in the Sunbury Novices' Chase, for which Certain Style and Pendennis could prove to be rather inexperienced.

Springholm, who like For The Grain is trained by David Nicholson at Condicote, contests the Easter Hero Handicap Chase but he seems at his best when receiving weight from better horses rather than when giving weight away. In this instance, I feel that the concession of 171b to the

Plumpton winner, Breakfast Car, could well prove beyond

At Towcester, Charlie Brooks and Ben de Haan can team up to land a double with Kami King (1.15) and Canford Palm (3.45).

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I particularly like the chance of Canford Palm, who showed signs of returning to his best when third to Kittinger at Leicester last time and does not look harshly treated, even with top weight, in the Lab-rador Handicap Chase.

Nigel Tinkler and Graham McCourt could well follow suit at Catterick with Runus (2.0) and Fisherman's Croft

Runun, a winner at the Festival of British Racing at Ascot in September when trained by Clive Brittain, shaped well when sixth to Steppey Lane on his hurdling debut at Haydock and is less severely tested in the Maltby Novices' Hurdle.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113145 GOOD TIMES 13 (SF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hell 12-0 ... Raccoard number. Six-figure form (F - felt. | distance winner. 8F - besten favourite in P - pulse up. U - unsessed rider. 8 - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. (F - firm, good to firm, hard. G - good. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B - blinkers. brackets. Frainer. Age and weight. Rider winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and Handicapper's rating. 3.0 EASTER HERO HANDICAP CHASE (£3,561: 2m) (5 runners)

POTENTIAL TRANSPORT CONTROL (CONTROL OF THE CONTROL OF THE CON FORM FOCUS SPRINGHOLM ing list when 171 3rd to Katabatic in Cheisnham handicap (2m. good to lirm); previously returned better effort in similar event at Ascot (2m. good to soft finishing 191 2rd to Blusberry King.

ANOTHER BOLLIS, 3rd and holding every chance when failing 4 out on reappearance in Ascot transfeap (2m) won by Clever Folly; latest made amends when easily defeating THE A TRAME (11th better off) 10 in Wincamon handicap (2m, good).

MEZIMA SPRING is 7to higher in the weights than

when recording less leg of handicap five-timer with 21 defeat of Sharp Song at Stratford (2m. good to firm) in May; lettest was the only finisher when 2nd besten 121 by Blueberry King in a Newbury handicap (2m. 160yd, good).

THE A TRAIN opened account over lences last season with nk detect of ANOTHER BOLUS (10b worse oil) in novices event at Laicester (2m. good).

BREAGASAT CAR forged clear from 3 out to defeat St. William 10i on respicarsnoe in Plumpton handicap (2m. good to firm) in November.

Selection: SPRINGHOLM

WALTON NOTICES MUNDLE (4-Y-O: 21,500: 211) (13 furillers)		
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ATLANTIC CEDAR 183F (P Hayward) P Hayward 10-7		-
BELHAVEN BILL 200F (J GBo) G Gracey 10-7	A Goldstein -	
6 BOLD CHOICE 9 (J. Joseph) J. Joseph 10-7		ı
O CHATTERS & D Wills) M Medowck. 10-7		
EARLY GREEZE SEF (N GB) M McCourt 10-7		
ELECTRIC GANCER 17F (H Lodge) C Horgen 10-7		
ROBGEL \$1F (Brigadler Racing) P Mitchell 10-7	9 Seedley ~	
ROYAL SQUARE 70F (Mrs B Hostre) G Herwood 10-7		
SALOR BOY 109F (Mrs. A Valentine) R Akahuret 10-7		
12634 VINCENIA'S BAY 11 (V.D.BF,F) (Mrs V Tott) Mes B Sanders 10-7		
25 DEADLY CHARM 34 (BF) (Mrs A Device) D Nicholson 10-2	B Dunmark &	
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ETTING: 5-4 Regal Lake, 11-4 Royal Square, 7-2 Sallor Boy, 8-1 Deadly Cham lold Cholce, 25-1 others.	n, 14-1 Virginia's 69	
1989: FIRE TOP 4-10-7 Dale McKeown (12-1) R Akehurat 20 rad	n	

FORM FOCUS REGAL LAKE, quite usolui median over middle-distances on the Flat, best Lissahene Lass 11/21 on his hurding bow at Taunton (2m 110yd, soft; intest, Snished a creditable 25/4 2nd to Sudden Victory at Plumpton (2m, soft). BOLD CHOICE never negrer 16/4/1 8th to Good Spork on hurding debut at Plumpton (2m, soft). ROYAL SQUARE, was a useful stayer on the Flat,

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best Owen Falls 31 st Redcar (2m, firm) in August. SALCR BOY, from last year's winning stable, beat Tonkswe ris on tasest start on the Flat in a Bath handsap (2m 1/27)d, firm in Occoor. DEADLY CHARMI desponding Str to Rembo Castle at Nottingham (2m, soft) after encouraging 21 2nd to Major inquiry at Ascot (2m, good to fam).

ŀ	4.0	ROYAL	MAIL HANDICAP HURDLE (E3,194: Sm) (18 runners)	
	601	POP-145	MECOCHEA 21 (C.D.Q.S) (Mrs. L. Henner) N Geseles 8-11-10 K Mooney	94
			QUESTEEN WOOD 24 (F,Q,S) (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 10-11-7	
	603	FD-F532	GENERAL CHRYSON 24 (S) (M Parescos) J Gifford 10-11-2	91
	604	34F-843	PERFECT STRANGER 24 (C) (J Bryant) T Hallot 8-11-1 W McForland (S)	22
			DEME JOHN 42 (2,8) (P Woodwerd P Howard 8-11-0	96
			SELITARY MAND 24 (C.O.S) (T Jones) Mrs. J Retter 12-11-0	91
			HELLO STEVE 29 (BJF) (J Joseph) C Brooks 5-11-0	6 H
			HELL-STREET-BLUES 315 (C.F.S) (A Ridout) A Ridout 12-10-13	_
			MARQUEE CAFE 15 (F,S) (Miss G Dollar) Miss G Dollar 6-10-12	94
			LOBRIC 18 (F.C) (H Shouler) J Jenione 5-10-10	95
			MESTS OF TIME 15 (F,Q) (J Noden) C Vernon Affler 7-10-10	\$7
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	612	9/1405-0	FINAL ALMA 18 (F,S) (Mrs P Issacs) P Mischell 7-10-0	==
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	612	9/1405-0 1P06-43 P0-61	FINAL ALMA 18 (F,S) (Mrs P Issacs) P Mischell 7-10-0	96 92

617 GF-2340 FORT WAPPING 22 (8) (J Dening) A Moore 6-10-0. 618 PJ008P-P SEAL PRINCE 13 (Mrs. J Dening) R Dening 9-10-0. Long headleage: Fort Wapping 9-9, Seel Prince 8-10.

BETTING: 5-1 Helio Stave, 7-1 Nists Of Time, 15-2 Senegates, 8-1 Marquee Cafe, 9-1 Perfect Stranger, 1-1 Lobric, Mineral Dutt, 12-1 General Chryson, 14-1 Necoches, 16-1 others.

1989: RHODE ISLAND RED 8-10-3 Candy Morris (11-1) A Moore 5 ran

FORM FOCUS NECOCHEA made all to best Statcher 12: at Newbury (3m 120)d, good on her responsarios with GENERAL CHRYSON (3b worse off) 61 further with GENER. back in 5th. back in 5th.

GENERAL CHRYSON subsequently raised well to finish 8 2nd to Auction Law with MELITARY BAND (4th better off) 41 4th in handless over course and destance (good) and PERFECT STRANGER could only find one pace from 2 cut when 6141 3rd of 23 to

Arctic Teef at Wincenton (2m 84, good).
HELLO STEVE ran on well to finish 11 2nd to Pyschley Prince at Leleaster (2m 44, good) with hist's Of TIME (8b better of) 7m. MARCIUSE CAPE beat less of TIME (7b better of) 41 at Notingham (2m 84, ord) seriler 1/1 and to Viscouri Tully over the same course and distance (soft).
SENEGALAIS beat Pol Stak 12l at Folkestone (2m 8) soft.

don: MARQUEE CAFE

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Selections By Mandarin

1.15 Kami King. 1.45 Multum in Parvo. 2.15 Milinetta. 2.45 Knight Oil

3.15 Cogent. 3.45 Canford Palm. 4.15 True Magic,

PALMERSTON 1904 37% 4th to Good Tonic Window (2m 40yd, good to firm) on his chasing bo

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Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 Cogent.

Going: good to firm 1.15 SHOT GUN NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: 21,688: 2m) (10 runners) O BALLAD RULES BY Aliss M Preca) P Prinched 10-10
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S CHEDRER'S JOIE 55 (P Langion) S Dow 10-10.
2 FAVORIG 4 (I Wardle) I Wardle 10-10
PF 400 NOSEEY 21 (Mrs & Ogden Whiel) T Thorson Jones 10-10
O HERAM 5 BERDEATH 10 (SILE-Edged Thorson/bred Racing Pic) J. (A JAYLAND 80 (T Pearles) P Jones 10-10
SKAM KING 23 (Mrs M Valentins) C Brooks 10-10.
STAR PLAYER 217F (Kingsley Holidays Ltd) J Betar 10-10. PCorrigen #5 R Gunet --

SETTIMO: 9-4 Kemi King, 8-1 Fevoald, 4-7 Jayland, 8-1 Captain Krayyan, 8-1 Bellad Ruler, 10-1 Rying Iction, Go Nobley, 12-1 Children's Jole, 14-1 others. 1988: ACEFACE 10-10 C Llowellyn (10-1) J ScorgE 13 ran

1.45 DUCK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,574: 2m 50yd) (4 runners)

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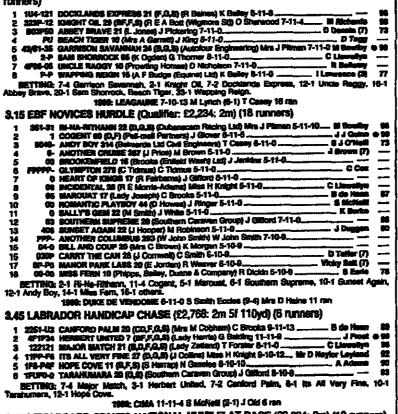
SETTRIC: 7-4 Milnotte, 11-4 Dreaming Star, 7-2 All Mourad, 6-1 Emerald Sunset, 7-1 High Aloft, 10-1 Valverde, 12-1 others. 1989: DAUNTING PROSPECT 5-11-9 R Goddings (11-8 fev) P Hedger 7 rate

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4.15 LEVY BOARD STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£2,094; 2m) (18 runners) TR DALEY DASH 14 (8) (J Beobow) B McMahon 5-12-1 ... BALLYNICK (Mrs & Roberts) N Henderson 8-17-8. COKESHY 80Y (S Hemstock) Mrs J Pitmen 5-11-6. P Martey (7)
..... J Tutte (7)
.... W Meraton (7)
. Mr D Tournsent CORRY'S CAPER (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 5-11-8...
JOKER JACK (A Tournsend) R Townsend 5-11-8....
IMONTOORS (Mrs C Trendell) T Casely 5-11-8.... ... (Learness)... R Bellutty (5) DOMNA'S TOICEN (R Brown) M Brown 6-11-3 _ SIZZLING BUN (R Brown) J Honeybel 5-11-3. DONNA'S TOKEN (R Brown) M Brown 6-71-3
SZZI ING SUM (R Brown) J Moneybel 5-11-3
SZR STORMS (AIR S D QUICE) MIN B O Union 5-11-3
TOCHENICA (R MINON-Price) Mrs J Croft 6-11-3
BARCH TWO SHOES (Airs T Cockram) N Geselle 4-10-19
SPANGO VALLEY (D histophyre) D Wittle 4-10-10
GALLIC SPLIE (J Dale) J King 4-10-5
ROTTEN FOR DAPHRE (P Mendoza) E Whester 4-10-5 ... R Supple J Ruitton BETTING: 9-4 Colemny Boy, 3-1 Ballynick, 5-1 Daiby Desh, 5-1 True Magic, 8-1 Run Round The Park, Corry's Caper, 12-1 Baron Two Shoes, 14-1 others.

1989: RUM CAY 4-9-12 S Mason (33-1) R Curtis 17 ran Course specialists

TRAINERS

JOCKEYS

to settle Lingfield Tote bets

By Phil McLennan

Ladbrokes has decided to pay Ladbrokes has decided to pay out all Tote bets on Wednes-day's first race at Lingfield Park in which there was strong evi-dence of manipulation of the win pool. However, Britain's largest betting shop chain remains un-happy with the outcome and is seeking a "clarification of pol-icy" from the Tote.

Big Finish, 10-1 on winner of

Big Finish, 10-1 on winner of the Repulse Novices' Handicap Hurdle at the Surrey course, became the second long odds-on shot in three days to pay odds against on the Tote when returning a dividend of £2.10, prompting Ladbrokes to launch an pairy into betting patterns on

Mike Dillon, of Ladbrokes, said yesterday: "We've decided to pay out in full on the Lingfield race but in fature we will be using new internal controls of

"From our talks with smaller bookmakers, it appears that the Tote has a £50 limit on some races and sometimes bets are refused. Yet they will take larger

refused. Yet they will take larger bets on outsiders in the same race and this obviously creates a distorted dividend."

Geoffrey Webster, the Tote's marketing director, confirmed that limits are sometimes invoked but would not elaborate. "Our limits vary according to circumstances and to give away limits would be to play into the hands of would-be manipulators."

The source of the problem appears to be the Tote's minimum dividend in the win pool. While very heavily-backed horses can return a dividend of £1.00 for a place, £1.10 is the minimum win dividend.

"The thinking behind the £1.10 minimum is that, with 10 per cent off-course tax, punters would lose money on a winner if

Royal Athlete for festival

Royal Athlete stayed firmly on course for the Sun Alliance Chase when beating Last House by eight lengths in the Wolborough Novices' Chase at Wolborough Novices' Chase at Newton Abbot yesterday.
David Stait, Jenny Pitman's assistant, said: "Royal Athlete is going the right way but he'll probably need two more races for a bit of practice before Cheltenham."

Silver King, a winner on the Flat in France, outclassed his rivals to win the first division of the Darracombe Novices' Hurdle by a distance and has a choice of Cheltenham engage-

Ladbrokes Webber the only one to anticipate Thyestes triumph

From Our Leish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Mweenish surprised the Irish handicapper and Gowran Park racegoers but not his trainer, John Webber, when romping home a 20-1 winner of the In£25,000 Telecom Eireann Thyestes Handicap Chase yesterday. His shorter-priced stable companion. Auntie Doi, finished third.

As the field rounded the final turn, a Webber one-two looked very much on the cards with his two runners drawing clear of the long-time leader, Lanigan's Mweenish, fifth in last sea-

son's Sun Alliance Chase, stayed on strongly to win by 12 lengths but Lanigan's Wine rallied close home to deprive Auntic Dot of second place by half a length.

Another six lengths farther back came one of the three 7-1 joint-favourites. Lastofthe-brownies. He had been fortunate to escape being brought down early on when Inch Col-

leen fell and broke a leg.
Webber said: "I was pretty
sure that in these conditions Auntie Dot would not manage to give 6lb successfully to Mweenish and that was just the way it turned out."

The Irish handicapper, though, had rated the winner much less highly and, even though the weights had been raised by [2]b overnight, Mweenish was still a full stone out of the handicap proper. Mweenish, whose American

pecially for the race, became the first English-trained winner of the Thyestes Chase since its inception in 1954. It was also of Arkle that the race had been covered live on Irish television. Webber revealed that the success had been planned a long time ago. "My daughter is married to Patrick Kavanagh who lives close to the third fence at Gowran Park and last summer we started to make plans to

have a go at this race." The winning jockey, Padge Gill, also

has local connections as he lives very close to the course. Gill was deputizing for the suspended Martin Lynch and Webber's only regret was that his stable jockey could not nde. "Martin was really looking forward to coming back home to win on Mweenish but I couldn't have asked for a better sub-stitute than Padge."

On a day of surprises, the biggest disappointment was the fall of Cahervillahow in the Eircell Peter McCreery Memorial Novices' Handicap Chase. He had been acclaimed as the country's best staying novice chaser but his jumping let him down here on his first attempt in handicap company.

He had made several mistakes before falling at the fourth last fence and this removed the only

possible danger to Porsheen.
The winner, a graduate from the point-to-point scene, set off in front and made all the flown over from Baltimore es- running to win very easily.

Desert Orchid option

By Christopher Goulding

Desert Orchid, now back in for Desert Orchid, the 4-t strong work after a bout of favourite to repeat last season's coughing, could make his first Cheltenham Gold Cup victory.

visit to Ireland for the P Z is the Agla Diamond Handicap Mower Chase at Thurles on Chase at Sandown Park on February 14. February 3, a race he won last "It's a race we've considered year as the Gainsborough for Desert Orchid for the last Chase Tit's a race we've considered for Desert Orchid for the last two years." Chris Hill, David Elsworth's secretary, said yesterday, "You have to keep your options open all the time."

A nother possible engagement Cup."

options open all the time." won the Cheltenham Gold
Another possible engagement Cup."

Hastings-Bass off mark
William Hastings-Bass saddled He is sharing facilities this

when Montpelier Lad beat his stable companion, Lurking, in the Tyrone Maiden Stakes at new yard is completed.
Lingfield yesterday. Steve Wood, inding for the

Hastings-Bass, aged 42, com-pleted his move from Newmarket at Christmas and his part of the famous Berkshire training complex is now full

41) (6)

(£1,779: 2m) (8)

his first winner since moving to year with the Queen's long-the Queen's West Usley stables serving trainer, Dick Hern, but will have room to expand next winter when work on Hern's

first time on Lingfield's Equitrack, completed a 32-1 double on Swing North and Rapporteur while Lee Davis, aged 18, rode his first winner on Sir Rufus.

3.0 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,562: 2m)

7-4 Jane's Joy. 9-4 Forever Aston, 4-1 Annicombe Run, 7-1 Foxy Boy, 10-1 Great Law, 12-1 others.

3.30 STOKESLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,301: 3m

2 2333 LINCHAM BRIDE 16 (BF,F,Q,S) J Swiers 8-10-9 3 0-PP PIKEMAN 3 (V.G) R Lee 8-10-4 4 -241 GAMESMANSHIP 7 (G) R Hartop 9-10-2 (Asc) P McDw

(0) 1 3154 THE WILK 20 (C,F,G,B) W A Stephenson 11-11-7 _ C Great

5 3/PS MOONS QUADRILLE 16 (F,S) Mrs S Gospel 14-06 A Ortonov 6 PS6- EDENBURT 311 Miss A Altkin 12-10-0.... T P Winte (7)

5-4 The Wilk, 9-4 Lingham Bride, 3-1 Gamesmenship, 7-1 Pikeman, 20-1 Edenburt, Moons Quedrille.

LO LADBROKE LAST RACE HANDICAP HURDLE

2 120- COUNTRY CARNEVAL 311 (D,S) J Johnson 7-11-5

A G Smeek (7)
3 102- ASTURBAS 249F (CD,F) J. Jefferson 7-11-4 N Douglety
4 2043 DEPLETE 7 (CD,G) J Burget 7-11-3 M Bremens
5 4814 MOWTHORPE 16 (D,BF,F,G) M W Easterby 5-10-12

C Reps. (7) 6 1131 PSHERMAN'S CROFT 17 (D.F.Q.S) N Takker 4-10-10

9-4 Fisherman's Croit, 3-1 Mowthorpe, 4-1 King Williams, 5-1 Asturias, 6-1 Depiate, 10-1 Country Carminal, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

RAINERS: N Tinider, 13 winners from 38 rumbers, 34.2%; J J Phelit 3 from 14, 21 4%, Jimmy Fitzgersid, 15 from 89, 16,9%; 6 Moore, 13 from 79, 16,5%, J Blundes, 7 from 48, 14,6%, W A Reprension, 21 from 178, 11.5%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 4 winners from 10 fides, 40 0%, N Doughty 12 from 60, 20 0%, J Collegner, 3 from 16, 18,8%, D Byrns 4 from 23, 17 4%, C Grant, 21 from 134, 15,7%, M Bremman, 11 from 71, 15,5%.

2.25 PURCELL SELLING HURDLE (£1,730: 2m) (9)

1 0034 GENERALS BOY 14 (D,F,S) J J O'Nell 8-11-10

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Selections

By Mandarin 1.30 Regardless. 2.0 Runun. 2.30 Gennaro. 3.0 Annicombe Run. 3.30 Lingham Bride. 4.0 Fisherman's Croft.

Going: good to firm 1.30 STAYERS NOVICES CHASE (£2,402: 3m 1f

80yd) (3 runners) 1 11 St THE FASHION 18 (CD,F,G) Jimmy Rizgerald 8-12-5

4-9 in The Fashion, 6-4 Regardless, 12-1 Waverley Boy. 2.0 MALTRY NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,360:

1 331 COCK-A-DOODLE-DO 7 (D,G) J Hellens 11-10

2.30 DINSDALE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELL-ING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,165: 2m) (8)

SOUTHWELL

Selections By Mandarin

1.25 Authorship. 1.55 Basic Fun. 2.25 Meshrarf. 2.55 Storm Warrior. 3.25 Whitewash. 3.55 Suluk.

Going: standard 1.25 VERDI HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,656: 2m) (6

6-4 Authorship, 7-4 Precious Memories, 6-1 Curvet, 12-1 Cherry Chap, 16-1 Panisan, Joyfulness.

1.55 BEETHOVEN JUVENILE NOVIÇES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,478; 2m) (3)

1-3 Basic Fun, 7-2 Garpoor, 8-1 Scarlet Legend.

Course specialists TRANSPS: Mrs D Haine, 5 winners from 18 runners, 27.8%; B Precce, 6 from 54, 11.1%; R Pescock, 4 from 40, 10.0%. (Only qualifiers). JOCKETS: D Murphy. 5 winners from 16 rides, 31.3%: V Stattery. 4 from 14. 28.6%; J Ryan, 3 from 15, 20.0%, C Smith, 3 from 24, 12.5%; S Youldon, 3 from 26, 11.5%; (Only qualifiers).

6-4 Meshrart, 11-4 Peerplow, 5-1 Pansong, 6-1 Summerhäl Sally, 12-1 Dru Ri's Bru Ri, 16-1 Baiklarius, 25-1 others. 2.55 WAGNER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,596: 2m 2f) (6) 1 3021 STORM WARRIOR 4 (B,CD,G) B Presco 5-12-2 (6mg) 2 -PG3 JURISPRUDENCE 22 (P) P Beven 7-31-7 S Devies 3 2324 LLICY LASTIC 9 (F-5) W Cary 5-11-6.... Cary Lyona 4 5536 YOUNG PAGEANT 9 (V-5) R DOOS 6-11-5.... S Weeds 5 -249 SUPER SOL 104 (G) K Morgan 6-11-4...... S Turner 6 POSS CUCKOO IN THE NEST 14 (B,S) P Connors 7-10-7 9-4 Storm Warrior, 11-4 Super Sol, 11-2 Lucy Lastic, 5-1 risprudence, 6-1 Young Pageant, 18-1 Cuckoc in The Nest. 3.25 MOZART NOVICES HURDLE (£1,422: 2m 4f)

4-6 Whitewash, 11-8 London Windows, 16-1 Head Ltd. 3.55 STRAUSS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1.699: 2m

1 20PS (040C/UAN 90Y 4 (F) (D) C Beever 8-11-10 8 McG8ff (S) 2 8611 SULUM 3F (C) R Horimshead 5-11-7 (Sex.) 3 8FP2 TOUCH OF SPEED 14 (F) D Williams 6-11-2 8 Doran (7)

4-9 State, 4-1 Touch Of Speed, 5-1 Knocken Boy.

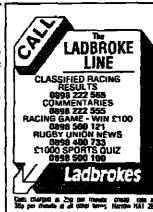
Kadan gamble continues Kadan, trained by Mark Tompkins, was again well backed yesterday for the £20,000-added Bic Razor Lanzarote Handicap Hill Street has been solidly backed with Hills for the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury next month and is now 13-2 second

favourite (from 10-1) behind Hurdie at Kempton Park tomor-Jinxy Jack, the market leader at 11-2. row (George Rae writes).

Corals quote the improving six-year-old, unbeaten in three races this season, at 4-1, from

French Goblin dies 8-1 early in the week. Osric is the 9-4 favourite (with a run). French Goblin died on Wedneswith Wonder Man on 11-4.
Among the outsiders, John Jenday following an operation on the knee he fractured at Ascot last Saturday. The Josh Giffordkins's Atlaal attracted attention at 16-1 and is now in to 12-1. trained chaser suffered heart

failure While anaesthetized



Model captain sets exemplary standard



acceptable face of Welsh rugby. On Wednesday afternoon, he went through the drills in Wales's last training session before they meet France tomorrow, during which, as usual, he was unfaltering in the execution of his own finely-honed talents. The time this finished he was preparing to face the media, so often seen as bostile. He answered each question kindly, with courtesy and a smile. Weish captains have not always been known to be so

There is no reason why a sportsman, even a national captain for that matter, should be articulate at skills other than those which he No reason why he should devote so much time pleasing a voracious band wagon of questioners, either. But the world expects its sporting beroes to do so. Fresh faced, clean cut, compact and dapper, Jones faced a couple of dozen scribblers, three television crews in turn, and four more radio interviews. Job done, he went home to tea. He set out. The rest of the week he can now devote to a Swansea-based

"All this goes with being a Welsh
uptain," he says. "I'm not

year," Carling said.

'We have tried to work out

the situations we are likely to

be faced with and impose our

own style upon them. Last

year we slipped up against two

sides (Scotland and Wales)

who probably read the situa-

tion on the day better than we

did. There were times when

we wanted to play an expan-

sive game but it was too wet to

Carling admitted that En-

gland's having scored 58 points against both Fiji last

October and Romania last

May encouraged confidence,

'but the five nations' is a

different environment. It's

more claustrophobic. But we

have the players to move the

England have won their last

three games against Ireland -

game in 1988 which cele-

brated Dublin's millenium -

and Ireland's last visit to

Twickenham brought them a

35-3 defeat in which Chris Oti

All of which means little to

the England side: "Saturday

back to two years ago or last

year. This squad has to be right for this Saturday and to

be able to reproduce our style

against the other home countries who love nothing better

Tomorrow's match will be

than to beat England."

will be a new landmark, Carling said. "You can't look

scored three tries.

hall wide and score tries."

do so all the time."



complaining. It has to be done. It is an additional pressure, but that's always wanted. I like to take

"I think I play better with responsibility. I like to do the talking myself, listen to the players and encourage them. In fact, a captain doesn't have to make too many decisions on behalf of a team. Players get on with their own game. But the ones the captain does make are usually the important ones." His first time was against the All

He has captained teams at every level from the West Wales Under-11s, progressing through Cwmtawe Comprehensive School and so on to play 12 times for the Welsh Schools. He played cricket, too. At that stage, John Haw Williams, rugby coach to the schools, forecast a glittering future for Jones, who has always played at screen half. This was far more perceptive than a senior Welsh selector who, when Jones was

of mature class, made the extraor-dinary comment that Jones had no the one when he stamped his part to play in his plans.

Within two years he was in the Welsh team and now four years later, at 24, he collects his 29th can tomorrow,22 of these he reaped consecutively. But on the Wales tour to New Zealand in 1988 he was dropped for the second international in Auckland and was replaced by Jonathan Griffiths.

"I'm a better player for the became far more relaxed after that. The pressure had begun to build up within me and my game. Because I was so tense, I was content simply to kick and pass. I became stereo-typed. I was taking the easy option, not risking anything. Others were saying that I didn't run often enough to take on the opposition." Jones was straight-jacketing

Jones was straight the team simself. Exclusion from the team released the self-imposed "You begin to ask yourself what is the point of it all," he says. "What's all the worry for if this is

what happens. There is no point in caring too much. So I don't any more. And I'm better for it. Nowadays I stand back a bit and find that, picking and choosing, I have more time to do things. I run a lot more than I did."

England standing tall

unmistakable personality on a match had little, if anything, to do with running. It is not a particular favourite of his, preferring as he does Wales's match against

Australia in the World Cup, but all other Welshmen, given also its extra piquancy, would chose last season's game against England. Played in atrocious conditions Jones took the game by the scruff of the neck and, with tensing kicks, he frestrated and audged England into submission. Some disapproved of the style. "The conditions quite often dic-

tate the manner of the play," he rightly points out. "You cannot ignore it. Handling on that day was difficult. Our forwards were going well at scrum and lineaut and I thought I'd try a few shots behind the English forwards. They paid off. But if England had reacted differently, the rest of the game might have been different. So I kept

plugging away making them turn."
His passing, whichever way you please, is swift and accurate as it always has been. His tackling and work rate, especially in cover defence is of a high order. But such play as he showed then, and later with the Lions in Australia, is born

Although physically there is no similarity between Jean-

Baptiste Lafond, the full back and Jean Pierre Garuet, the

ight-head prop, who have been recalled by France to face Wales in Cardin tomorrow, they are both players of consummate skill and burning passion.

humorous characters and genu-ine impersonations of French

style and panache.

Garuet, the potato merchant

and a third deputy of Lourdes,

has become under the guarding hand of Jacques Fouroux, the

French coach. He is a subtle connoisseur of the scrum, the cornerstone of the French for-

There is little room for deceit

and complacency in the subterranean world of front row

rugby combat where hostilities are governed by an unwritten

code of honour and where reputations are made over long

periods of time and destroyed

Despite an incident in 1984,

when he became the first French

player to be sent off in an international match, Garuet has

been universally acclaimed as a fair, yet awkward and tough

sition hookers and tight heads,

as well as countless referees.

ing respect of his opponents

without losing the humour that

made him such a popular elec-

toral choice in the holy city of

ward effort.

over night.

not there two years ago against France when he and Jonathan Davies were not of such a mind and a grand slam win for Wales went

For all his matches be has ined, at 5ft 7ins and 111/2stone, and so close to the powerhonse, remarkable free of injury. Strength around shoulder, hip and thigh, may account for this along with his dedication to conditioning. A nimbleness of foot helps, too. He is in all things technically proficient. He is the only Welsh player of genuine world class, the best scrum half in the world.

"Everything seems to have gone right in our preparation for Sat-grday," he concludes. "Defence at forward and midfield is crucial against France. We're not tense. We have good players. We need to

While some players shout of their rugby league offers, others swap clubs and jobs, and still others carry the stigma of bad behaviour, none of this attaches to him. Robert Jones is a model player and captain in this unstable time.

Around him a Welsh team could be

The jokers arrive

late to ease the

tension for France

The new recruits playing

Ireland's three new caps against England at Twickenham tomor-row, Peter Russell, the stand-off half, Gary Halpin, the tighthead prop. and Kenny Murphy, the full back, have at least one other thing in common — all played for Ireland Schools. Russell and Murphy have both served apprenticeships at

provincial level whereas Halpin has still to win a Leinster jersey. The Wanderers' front row man is a quite remarkable character who has crammed a lot of living

who has crammed a lot of hving into his 23 years.

Russell, a bank official, and Murphy, who works in the family garage business in Cork, knew what they were going to do from an early age. Russell went up to Queen's University after leaving Royal Belfast Academical Institution. before joining the bank, and Murphy was always going to work in the family business.

Halpin won a four-year athlet-

Halpin won a four-year athletics scholarship to Manhattan College, New York, and in his College, New York, and in his freshman year threw the hammer further than any other first-year student in the United States. In his final year he was the collegiate hammer champion. He reached the Olympic qualifying distance but a recurring ankle injury ruined his chances of selection for Seoul. He created a very favourable impression during lreland's short tour of North America before the start of this season

before the start of this season and if his first cap has come as a result of injuries to other play-ers, it can be confidently pre-dicted that it will be the first of many. Halpin has the ideal physiq

for a front-row forward. He stands around 6ft, tips the scales at over 17 stone, is immensely strong and has a rare turn of foot

Russell, who missed a year's rugby with a bad knee injury after linking with Instonians, helped his recovery by mapping out a tough training schedule which he still adheres to — five nights a week and a kick around on Sunday morning. His wife has her own ideas about it, but a new evening dress and an invitation to London for the game and the after-match game and the after-match celebrations has given her a new slant on life as a rugby widow. The dress was bought by her husband, not the IRFU!

Russell's game has taken on a new dimension over the last two seasons. Initially regarded as a kicking stand-off half, he has changed that image dramati-

changed that image dramati-cally. A month short of his 28th birthday, he now has the ability to stamp his authority on a match while his distribution is first class. He rarely takes the wrong option and Twickenham

should hold no terrors for him. Murphy, the same age as member of the famous Cork family to represent Ireland. He is the son of Noel, capped 41 times in an international career that spanned 11 years, and a grandson of Noel senior, now deceased, a former president of

the IRFU who won 11 caps in tense dressing room at-mosphere help the French side the early 1930s. overcome the traumas of the autumn build up and return home with a famous and very

He belongs to a world of wise Adair is selected after **Hudson chooses Wales**

for the Welsh Students against France yesterday has given An-drew Adair an opportunity to display his talents for the English Universities when they play Irish Universities at the London Irish ground today (David Hands writes). Adair, the Manchester hooker, will be joined by McCoy, of Liverpool, who replaces lones the injured who replaces Jones, the injured

The English Colleges also have their first outing of the season, when they play Irish Colleges at the Centaurs ground, Osterley. West London Institute provide the English with six players, among them Appleson, the talented full back, while Subbiani (wing) and Hinkins (prop), both from St Paul and St Mary, Cheltenham, offer ubstantial senior experience. Several club matches are, in view of the televised inter-nationals, being played tonight, among them Nottingham's the year at hooker, and Bristol's encounter with Begles, the French club who will encounter one of their own, Thillet, on the

Bristol wing.
Irish visitors to London also include Old Wesley, who play Rosslyn Park, and Terenure College, who play a London Irish side missing Staples at full back but otherwise at strength for a fraternal confrontation. Phil John, the Wales B hooker, has cancelled a planned move to Swansea and is to stay with Pontypridd. He was due to play for the Swansea reserve team today but after talking to Pontypridd officials yesterday has decided to remain at Sardis

against England last season, was overlooked for the international against France tomorrow, with his place on the bench going to Gerin Jenkins, of Pontypool.

of the game is matched by the philosophical appreciation of the world. Garnet will note with amusement that he will always be second choice when the girls are around. Indeed Lafond, chic and graceful, would habitually steal the show.

When Blanco announced his unavailability for the Welsh game, though everyone was unhappy, no-one seemed unduly worried in France. Maybe because of his adventurous talent the French dub Lafond the "white Blanco." His humour matches his playing ability, never allowed to blossom for a long period of time, in a French

Lafond, together with his Racing Club friend, Frank Mesnel, Eric Blanc and Phillipe Guillard, formed the so-called "showbiz," a club within the club, dedicated to the lighter side of the game. The motto of the "showmen" has been play, surprise, amuse, and they set new standards of humour and

Lafond's gang wore bow ties in the final of the French championship, plus-fours against Biarritz, and berets when playing against the inal club of Lafond's grandfather.

Together the two jokers, Lafond and Garuet, could, while injecting a smile in the

He is in his third season with Munster and his game really blossomed during the last inter-provincial series, when Munster nished second to Ulster. He had a splendid game against the All Blacks last November and played in the B international against Scotland at Murrayfield last month.

Bristol warn players on sendings-off

Bristol are warning all their players in writing about over-vigorous play following four sendings-off in the club this season (Michael Austin writes).

The Clausestarbia diesi The Gloucestershire disciplinary committee will also send letter of caution to Bristol, who could be suspended for a month and have all of their matches cancelled if two more players are dismissed in the next 3½ months. Peter Smith, a prop forward, is the only first-team

player to be ordered off.

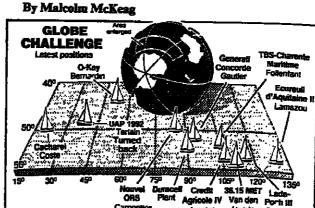
Bristol's ability to remain cool
will be tested by Begles, a French
club, at the Memorial Ground tonight.
Three Bristol forwards suf-

fered facial injuries in last year's corresponding game.

YACHTING

Dismasted Terlain abandons race

Jean-Yves Terlain, in UAP, has decided to abandon his attempt **GLOBE**



Whitbread race in the same area, Heede has gone further south than his competitors.

pears in the top 10 in the world-

wide ranking system for match race sailors announced yes-terday. Harold Cudmore, who

skippered Britain's America's

Cuo 12-metre in Fremantle and

made a brief return to the world

Martela lost out when the Whitbread fleet turned north for Australia but the Globe racers do not turn north - they race on direct for Cape Horn. Only one Briton, Eddie Warden-Owen, ranked fourth, ap-

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short-lived lead in the circuit last year, is ranked

The next best Briton is Tim Law, at 25th, followed by David Bedford, at 29th. Titch Blachford, who reached the quarter-finals of the British match race championship, is the leading woman, in 56th place.

in a separate development, the WMRC agreed to allow the IYRU access to the match race circuit by permitting the Union to describe the conference as an IYRU body, changing its name to the World Match Race Sail-

TABLE TENNIS Prean seeks a reward for his superb season

Carl Prean could be rewarded for the best season of his career by a climb into the higher echelons of the European rankings if he can maintain his excellent form for the Stiga Europe Top 12 tournament which takes place over the next three days in Hanover (Richard Eaton writes).

The Englishman, who is based in Greznau, enjoys playing in Germany and has three players in his group, Zoran Primorac, of Yugoslavia, Andrei Mazunov, of the Soviet Union, and Erik Lindh, of Sweden, that he is capable of beating. His other two opponents. Jorgen Persson, the former European champion from Sweden, and Andrzej Grubba, the former world cup winner from Poland, have, howor him.

The favourite is the world champion and title-holder, Jan-Ov Waldner, who is in the other Ov Waldner, who is in the other group. However, the Swede will need to improve on his performances in the English Open a fortnight ago, when he was twice beaten by a little known Frenchman, Nicholas Chatelain.



Carling advocates caution against weakened Ireland

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

While Ireland and France them a hope. But they proved other than at this time last have had to check in their against New Zealand in tracks to overcome injuries as November how hard they are they prepare for tomorrow's to beat. Their defence is very opening round of the five nations' championship, and Wales have familiarized newcomers to team ploys and oldcomers to new positions, all has been quiet on the English

Ireland flew from Dublin to London yesterday, relieved to have suffered no further dis- Irish second row, which will tress after the loss on Wednesday of Donal Lenihan, their Lenihan, who has played 43 most experienced forward, games for Ireland in succesand Philip Rainey, their full back. England, meanwhile, Constitution, will make his worked in the sunshine at the debut at full back after playing Stoop Memorial Ground, fine-tuning for the Save and Prosper international at Twickenham for which they

Ireland. "I don't presume Ireland are a weaker side," Will Carling, the England career at Twickenham." captain, said at the end of a work on unit skills — notably the back row, where Skinner,

strong and when they moved the ball and were able to put Crossan away they looked

Neil Francis, of Blackrock College, will win his sixth cap in place of Lenihan, who has a facial injury. Francis will bring a rumbustious vigour to the seem a strange place without sion. Kenny Murphy, of well for Munster during the inter-provincial

championship. "It must be a blow to them, will be overwhelming as it would be to anybody, to lose their first-choice lock," The England management, Geoff Cooke, the England however, will be working hard team manager, said. "We to counter the tales of doom know nothing about their new and gloom emanating from full back but it will obviously

100-minute session which em- have four players making their braced warm-up routines and bow in the five nations'

be a tremendous ordeal for him to start his international For that matter, England

championship — Hodgkinson, Bailey, Guscott and Egerton -We are slightly more sure

Winterbottom and Egerton but all have collected inter-will be playing together for the national experience elsewhere. "They have been totally about our style of play and written off, no one is giving better acquainted with each

RFU debates merits of introducing a new cup

Though the formula is still being debated at sub-committee level, the Rugby Football Union is to der the introduction next season of a new national knockout competition, designed as an encouragement to the clubs who miss qualification for the

Pilkington Cup.
Eighty clubs qualified for the Pilkington Cup this season, which resumes next week with the third round and the entrance of the first-division clubs. Al-though the RFU is chary about the introduction of more com-petitions which would affect senior players, it is felt that junior clubs would benefit from

an injection of interest. There are indications that more then 500 clubs would be involved in the proposed new competition, spread equally

"Various plans and ideas are being discussed, like this one," Dudley Wood, the RFU secgo any further at this stage and no proposal has been put before the general committee. We have quite enough competitions at top level but it could be argued that that is not the case lower down."

If such a competition is to be introduced, it will have to win general committee favour soon, though not at today's meeting, which will be primarily con-cerned with debate of the Inter-national Rugby Football Board's pages of charges to the contact paper on char regulations.

refereed by Patrick Robin, of France, who will be officiating among the four regional di-visions, and the playing dates would be linked to the in his first five nations' match, though his record includes Pilkington Cup dates. Wales and Scotland.

will referee Wales v France and the southern-hemisphere official this season will be

Italy against Australia in 1988 and Scotland v Fiji last autumn. Robin, aged 40, is from Agen and takes the first of two appointments for France this championship season — their second is the game between Fred Howard, of England,

David Bishop, New Zealand's senior referee, who will take the final two championship games: Scotland v England, on March 17, and Ireland v Wales, on March 24,

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HOCKEY

Out of reach: Dooley, the lock forward, perfects his lineout drill during England's practice at Richmond yesterday

to finish the Globe Challenge

non-stop singlehanded round-the-world race, 10 days after

being dismasted in the South Atlantic. Terlain, of France, lost

the rig of his 60ft solo sloop on January 8 when the mast col-lapsed in three pieces.

In a remarkable feat of single-

handed seamanship, Terlain

recovered the broken sections

and, using the main boom of the yacht as a mizzen-mast, re-rigged his boat as a ketch, declaring that he would con-

Since then he has averaged between three and five knots -

about 100 miles a day - and was almost 2,000 miles behind the

race leaders, with 15,000 miles of the race still to sail. Simple

participation pointless. UAP is

headed for Cape Town, some

1,300 miles from her present position just south of King Edward Island in the South

Jean-Luc Van Den Heede, in

his two-masted 36.15 Met, has moved up to third place behind

Titouan Lamazou and Loick

Peyron. In a move similar to

that which gave Martela OF a

tinue in the race.

Cotton faith in policy of kitchen heat

Bernard Cotton, the England

manager, is optimistic that the manager, is optimistic that the policy of concentrating on playing against top-class sides in the build-up to the World Cup in Pakistan next month will bring its reward (David Chappell writes). While England's results have sometimes been distinguisting as they have appointing as they have attempted to blend promising young players with established internationales, Cotton has insisted that they should meet only sixed that they should meet only the six leading nations in world hockey in order to gain experience.
"We have decided to bring on

before the side puts the final competitive touches to its preparation for Labore in a fournations tournament in Spain.
Cotton is confident that
Martyn Grimley and David
Fatilkner can fill the gap left by
the retirement of Pani Barber after the Olympic Games Richard Leman, the England captain, confirmed yesterday that the World Cup would be his final important international

Cotton said yesterday, a week

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A three-way battle between two the event. Today, the high cost Japanese manufacturers and the of competing has meant that Indian Lancia team marks the opining round of the 1990 among more than 200 starters, world championship, the Monte Alex Jackson, from West York-Coda Pally which starts today the is competing in a "show-

By George Ace

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Include the (Stephen Slater writes).

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Toyota also have high expectations of their "new boy", Armin Schwarz, of West Germany, who impressed many last year with his handling of the large Audi Quattro.

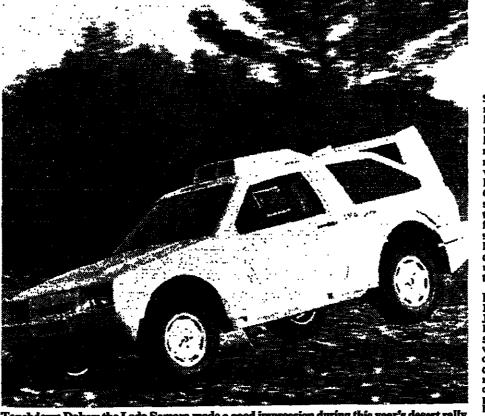
Once it was the sim of every British driver was to compete in

Carlo Raily, which starts today (Stephen Stater writes).

Alex Jackson, from West York-shire, is competing in a "show-room spec" Group N Towards

also proved to be one of the fastest in the two-wheel drive class, with her Vauxhall Astra GTE, and should conditions remain mild, is aiming for a position inside the top 10 finishers.

Grand Prix doubt Sydney (AFP) - A cloud hangs over the future of the Australian motorcycle grand prix after the International Motorcycling Federation cancelled Sydney's plans to host the race September.



Touchdown Dakar: the Lada Samara made a good impression during this year's desert rally

MOTOR RALLYING: THE SOVIET UNION MAKES ITS PRESENCE FELT DURING THE PARIS-DAKAR AS THE MAIN PROTAGONISTS BRACE FOR THE MONTE CARLO EVENT Lada shows some dark horsepower is ahead

Somewhat in the shadow of the multi-million francefforts of the Peugeot team, who dominated the first three places of the Paris-Dakar rally, a more humble name on the leader board may represent a dark horse for victory in next year's event. The Lada cars of Jackie Ickx and Gerome Riveria finished in seventh and eleventh places in the gruelling event and set the fastest times on the toughest special stage of the rally, the hard climb from the giant sand dunes of Tijdikda, in Maurita-

nia, to the mountain ranges of the Nega Pass, in Mali. Little-known before the Paris-Dakar, the Lada team are a joint Franco-Soviet enterprise, run by Jean-Jacqes Poch, the French Lada importer, who has himself successfully competed at the wheel of Lada Niva four-wheel drive "Jeeps". The latest Lada desert racer, however, is a much more sophisticated machine, owing little but its shape to the popular Samara hatchback. Carbon fibre bodywork and an aerospace-designed tubular

chassis enclose a mid-mounted,
Porsche-developed engine, a
six-speed gearbox and fourwheel drive, which gives the
Lada Samara T3 a top speed of
around 130 pub. chassis enclose a mid-mounted, around 130mph.
Although the final result vindicated the decision by 45-year-old Ickx to join Patrick Tambay, a fellow former Ferrari Grand

engine failure on a road section, while leak suffered from gear-box problems on the desert stages, forcing mechanics to regularly work through the aight to keep the car in the event.

The Belgian former Le Mans racer also hit trouble on the longest section of the rally, finishing the 674km stage from Timbuctoo to Nema on just three wheels. "We had a blow-out about seven kilometres from Richard Partition in the earliest marathon rallies of the 1960s was forced to use all his experience to take a valiant fourth place, despite suffering from a liver infection which necessitated hospital treatment immediately after the finish.

Other British competitors were less successful. The Landrover of John Saxton and three wheels. "We had a blow-out about seven kilometres from

four-wheel drive trucks, Tatra and LIAZ, from Czechoslovakia, and Kamaz, from the Soviet Union, were among the strongest contenders.

Prix driver, in the team, their rally was not an easy one. Shortly after arriving in Africa, from Scotland, in his Mitsubishi Tambay's car suffered terminal Shogun. The 53-year-old vet-engine failure on a road section, eran of victories in the earliest

three wheels. "We had a blow-out about seven kilometres from Richard Partridge both suffered the end of the stage, then the transmission failures in the wheel smashed and fell off as we Libyan desert, while the efforts neared the finish." Ickx said. of Britain's sole motorcycle entrant were also doomed to that's the Paris-Dakar!"

FOOTBALL

Luton are aiming to improve their financial outlook

Although the overdraft was

at a lower level than for some

time, the present directors had

tional resources were needed.

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Smith added. "It is big num-

done their bit" and addi-

"We need additional fi-

All on the short list were

football enthusiasts, he said,

and two of them were Luton

supporters. The club was look-

ing for people sympathetic to

The chairman said that Jim

Ryan, appointed manager the

day Smith took over, had to

concentrate on survival in the

first division rather than

ham Forest manager, has snapped up David Currie, the

Barnsley forward, for £700,000 to cushion the disappointment

of rejection by Gary McAllister, the Leicester midfield player.

The purchase of Currie, aged 27, was completed at the City Ground at lunchtime yesterday after the two clubs had over-

come a hitch involving Phil

had rejected a move in the opposite direction, but instead

his Forest colleague, Lee Glover, will go to Oakwell on

Bristol City midfield player. He

John Bird, the manager of York

City, asks us to point out that he was not involved in a skirmish

after the match against Scar-borough and that he left the

police station within three hours of being taken there; he was not detained overnight. Further-more, the Football Association's

John Bird

Asa Hartford, the caretaker

Starbuck, valued at £250,000.

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Arsenal to sign

versatile Pates

Colin Pates, the versatile and could well make their Charlton Athletic defender, is set to sign for Arsenal this morning in a £500,000 transfer.

After the clubs agreed the fee westerday, Pates, and 28, had

loan.

While firmly denying that Luton Town was for sale or undergoing a financial crisis, Roger Smith, the newlyelected chairman, admitted yesterday that the club was looking for a new director or directors to join the present board to add "financial clout".

Smith, a wealthy businessman who has been on the hoard at Kenilworth Road for 18 years, succeeded Brian Cole as chairman last week. He said he had been charged

with the task three or four months ago of finding additional resources to ensure the long-term viability of the club and there were five or six people currently short-listed from a long list of applicants.

He anticipated a decision in the next two months. "In the meantime it is business as usual" Smith said. "There is worry about finances.Luton

yesterday, Pates, aged 28, had talks with George Graham, the

Arsenal manager, and then promised both clubs a decision

on the move by 9am.

Graham wants to sign him

eligible for next week's FA Cup

fourth round tie against Queen's Park Rangers at Highbury. Pates, who made 281 league appearances for Chelsea before

joining Charlton for £430,000 in

October 1988, returned from injury for last Saturday's defeat

by Aston Villa.

Trevor Francis, the former

England international who was

dismissed as the manager of Queen's Park Rangers in November, yesterday agreed to add his considerable experience

to Sheffield Wednesday's fight

after accepting Wednesday's offer of a financially lucrative

package which is to be based upon the number of senior

appearances he makes for the club.

Ron Atkinson, the Wednes-

day manager, also announced that he had agreed terms with Kevin Moran, aged 33, the Republic of Ireland centre half,

who was recently given a free transfer by Sporting Gijon, the

for first division survival. Francis, aged 35, will sign an 18-month contract next week

Smith said that to run a club last month and Mick Harford like Luton on relatively small to Derby County this week for attendances was expensive £480,000.
and required "considerable Smith u

Smith urged supporters to back Ryan "and the young players in whom he is putting

rebutted criticism of his team by Don Mackay, the manager accused Leeds of gamesman-ship after watching a tele-vision replay of last Saturday's match, which Leeds won 2-1 by virtue of a missed penalty by Blackburn in the closing

the Leeds midfield players Goreon Strachan and Vinny Jones, and goalkeeper Mervyn no short-term financial sold Roy Wegerle to Queens manship and totally intimi-problem." Park Rangers for £1 million dating for the penalty taker."

O'Neill's legal recourse

John O'Neill, the former Northem Ireland international defender, is to sue John Fashanu, the Wimbledon forward, for financial damages over a tackle that he claims ended his career. O'Neill, aged 31, was forced into retirement after suffering a

● The gathering for England World Cup contenders at Lilleshall on January 22 and 23 has been hit by Littlewoods Cup quarter-final replays. Lineker, of Tottenham Hotspur, Walker, Hodge and Pearce, of Notting-ham Forest, and Shifton and Wright, of Derby County, will all now miss the two-day sesmanager of Shrewsbury Town, has completed the £60,000 pur-chase of Paul Wimbleton, the

has also signed Brendan Ormsby, the Leeds United centre half, on a month's loan. to Prenton Park, Tranmere Rovers' ground.

the Charlton Athletic football ground site at The Valley will be considered at a special meeting of the Planning and Transport committee of Greenwich Council on January 31.

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HOCKEY

CRYSTAL PALACE: Butlermen Indoor Langue: Premier division: Slough D., Tackington & East Gritstand 10, Farehom 2.

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent Nigel Benn could meet Roberto Duran's weight problem, had Duran for the World Boxing said that it would have no Council middleweight title in objections to the bout providing May or June. According to the WRC allowed Duran to

Looking after No. 1: Benn, left, with Mendy, his manager, on the world title trail yesterday

Benn ready to meet Duran

Gloves come off in world title quest

Also, a big obstacle stands in the way of Benn's challenge: the claims of Mickey Duff, the London promoter, who manages John Mugabi and wants the Ugandan to meet Duran for the vacant title. Mugabi, as the WBC light-middleweight champion, would be entitled to the No. 1 challenger's position in the heavier division. Duff said in Atlantic City last

Monday that he would protest if Duran was given back his title and allowed to defend against Benn. According to Duff, since Duran was stripped for failing to make a mandatory defence, he could not make a voluntary one if reinstated.

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Lyle advised on putting after a a three-foot slip

From Patricia Davies, Palm Springs

Sandy Lyle had barely set foot out of the scorer's tent after signing for a 72, level par, in the first round of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic at Bermuda Dunes on Wednesday before an anxious admirer was pressing a putter into his hand.

suit you." He did not add, as he might have, "You can't do any worse with it."

Today Lyle is playing at Tamarisk, the second easiest of the four courses, judged on the

at the tenth, where the noise from adjoining lunch parties

putter into his hand.

"Try this, Sandy," the elderly, golf-hatted gentleman said. "It's a lovely balance and it might to start going in soon."

orse with it."

the four courses, judged on the Lyle took the putter, as a man scores in the first round, while would be inclined to do, having just missed from three feet, at most, for an eagle three at the last, after a majestic two-iron of

last, after a majestic two-iron of some 230 yards. Especially if that man, like Lyle, had also missed from three feet at the seventeenth, from five feet at the thirteenth and from four feet at the thirteenth and from four feet at the tenth, where the hoise from adjoining lunch parties

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Yds Par Hole Yds

experience here shows she

knows how to plot her way round a course where, for all the

generosity of some of the fair-

ways, some rough country

awaits the wayward hitter.

If the high wind of the last two

days continues, you would not even need to be all that erratic to

find yourself in trouble. The greens are fast and true, but hard

King is still using the set of

irons she acquired in 1983. They

are worn of course and need replacing but she has been unable to find another set with which she feels comfortable. She

is a level-headed person, not

given to tinkering with equip-

ment and preferring to take the

responsibility herself when

things, occasionally, go wrong,

too much of Wright, who is still

feeling her way after winning the Rookie of the Year award in

1989, but Davies is unpredict-

It would be unfair to expect

Experience likely to favour King

From John Hennessy Montego Bay

Anybody who puts pen to paper, or finger to word processor, in these picturesque parts has to be aware that Noel Coward and Ian Fleming beat him to it. But could those masters of plot and storyline be better placed than storyline be better placed than might happen in the Jamaica Out 2.637 34 In 3.365 37 Classic women's professional Total yardson: 6.202 Par. 71 tournament from today until Sunday?

Both were enthusiastic golfers. Coward so much so that his clubs were a prized possession.
"I don't mind how you treat the
luggage," he would say to his
taxi driver. "But do, pray, look
after the golf bag." That, at least,
was the taxi driver's story

yesterday.
It is a sign of the times that even with a restricted field there are two British players, Laura Davies and Pamela Wright, and

two more from Europe, Lotte Neumann, of Sweden, and Marta Figueras-Dotti, of Spain. After Montego Bay they will be joined by three more from Trish Johnson and Karen Davies, though the opportunities for Johnson and Davies will be

King would be everyone's choice of queen here after her magnificent performances in 1989. She won six tournaments, including the United States

Open, headed their money-list ably capable of anything or with \$654,132, and last year's nothing.

Claims are dismissed

Michael Bonallack, secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Phoenix, Arizona.

Club, yesterday welcomed the news that a court in the United States had dismissed all claims certain of its officers and consulsagainst it by the Karsten Manu-facturing Corporation, which makes Ping Eye2 irons.

Bonallack said: "The R and A rules of golf and had violated

does not believe that it is in anti-trust laws in the United anyone's interest, or in the States. interests of the game, for the rules to be litigated in the courts. The statement by the Royal

and Ancient said that it learned in 1985 that Karsten was manu-facturing clubs which did not conform to the rules. accommodate golfers who pur-

Korean stalemate

Panmunjom (AP) - South and North Korean sports officials have failed again to agree on procedures for forming a joint team for this year's Asian Games in Peking, with each side chased non-conforming Ping accusing the other of insincerity, Eye2 irons the R and A deter. Their meeting, the seventh since mined that it would not apply the rules of golf to these clubs until 1990 for championships conducted by the R and A, and until 1996 for all over events."

last March, bogged down when North Korea refused to sign a set of auxiliary accords, proconducted by the R and A, and until 1996 for all over events." Karsten started proceedings in agreements.

RACKETS **Britons rated**

the top two Two expatriate English bankers.

William Maltby and William Bristowe, head the seedings for the United States amateur championships which start at the newly refurbished New York Racket Club today (Sally Jones

writes). Maliby, the favourite, and Bristowe, who have both been working in New York for the past two years, became the top seeds after the former world chambion. Willie Boone, and his partner David Norman had to pull out because of business

commitments. The highest olaced American is Peter de Syastich, seeded three, one place above another Englishman, Robert Power.

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Colne move nearer to League place dream

Spanish club.

Both men will report for training on Monday morning training on Monday morning training on Monday morning training on Monday morning training on Monday morning training on Monday morning training on Monday morning training on Monday morning training
NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

The audacious attempt by Colne Dynamics to win promotion to the GM Vauxhall Conference, Colne are 12 points clear at and then the Football League, is likely to take an important step forward when they discuss a ground-sharing scheme with Burnley this weekend. Coine, who went full-time last winners less than two years ago, summer after joining the HFS Coine are one of the favourites to win the FA Trophy, especially to win the FA Trophy, especially to win the FA Trophy, over the same than two years ago, winter the same than two years ago, with the same than two years ago, with the same than two years ago, with the same than two years ago, the same than two years ago, with the same than two years ago, the same tha are well on course to win

promotion to the Conference last Saturday. Wealdstone, Trophy winners this season, but their Holt House ground is considerably five years ago, also went out of the competition this week, losshort of the required standards. Graham White, the club's owner and manager, will meet Burnley directors on Sanday to discuss a 10-year deal to share Turf Moor, which would satisfy the deare. the demand of both the League and Conference that promoted clubs should have at least seven years security of tenure.
White, a highly successful businessman who is believed to be putting about £500,000 a year into the club he formed 27 years

the top of their table. Second-placed Witton Albion, who have three games in hand and have to play Coine twice, are their only realistic challengers. FA Vase winners less than two years ago, after their 5-0 victory over Altrincham in the first round

ing in a replay at Harrow Borough Wealdstone's playing fortunes had been improving after the appointment of Alan Gane as manager, although their off-the-field problems continue. Aylesbury United, who won at Warcester City in a Trophy replay this week, have transfer-listed Brendan Phillips, their player-coach, Steve Cox, their leading scorer, and Les Lawago, attempted last season to rence, buy out Burnley, who are only leaving four miles away. However, he said yesterday that he was now ager. rence, a forward. Phillips is leaving after a disagreement with Trevor Gould, the man-

 Howard Wilkinson, the manager of Leeds United, has Blackburn Rovers, who

Mackay complained that Day, had all walked in and out of the penalty area to delay the taking of the kick. He called it "a disgraceful piece of games-

knee injury in an incident with Fashanu during his debut for Norwich City at Plough Lane in

December 1987.

• Liverpool's League game against Everton at Anfield on February 3 is to be beamed live

LITTLEWCODS CUP: Semi-final draw: Nottingham Forest or Tottenham Hobbur v Sunderland or Covenby City: Southemp-ton or Oldham Athietic v West Hem United or Derby County. Ties to be played week commencing February 11 and February 25.

Charlton site talks Planning applications relating to

sion. Steven, of Rangers, has been added to the party.

May or June. According to the WRC allowed Duran to Ambrose Mendy, Benn's manager, Duran has agreed to make a voluntary defence against the No. 4, has a higher ranking than West Ham boxer. Benn is expected to make about £750,000 from a bout likely to gross £2 million.

Mendy is to have talks with Barry Hearn, the snooker promoter, about staging the bout jointly with Bob Arum, the American promoter, at a London football ground or at Manchester United.

Mendy said yesterday the British Boxing Board of Control, which was concerned about the WRC allowed Duran to make a voluntary defence as Herol Graham, of Sheffield, at No. 4, has a higher ranking than Benn, who is No. 9, and that Duran passed the board's mediatory of the board, said: "We have approved nothing so far. We are still waiting for the WRC to tell use the board of the board, said: "We have approved nothing so far. We are still waiting for the WRC to tell of the board of the board of the board's mediatory of the board, said: "We have approved nothing so far. We are still waiting for the WRC allowed Duran to make a voluntary defence as Herol Graham, of Sheffield, at No. 4, has a higher ranking than Benn, who is No. 9, and that control was proved nothing so far. We are still waiting for the WRC allowed Duran to make a voluntary defence as therol Graham, of Sheffield, at No. 4, has a higher ranking than Benn, who is No. 9, and that the post of the board's mediatory of the board said: "We have approved nothing so far. We are still waiting for the WRC to draw that the post of the board's mediatory of the board's mediatory of the board said: "We have approved nothing so far. We are still waiting for the WRC to draw that the post of the board's mediatory of the board's mediatory of the board's mediatory of the WRC avenue as voluntary defence as the provide the board's mediatory of the was the board's mediatory of the WRC to draw the provide the board's mediatory of the WRC to draw the provide the board's mediatory of the WRC to draw the provide the board's mediat

Shortman and Coull head squad Five Commonwealth Games swimmers are included in the

37-strong schools' squad se-lected for the Speedo Inter-national meeting at Cumbernauld in March (Craig Lord writes).

The team will be headed by Austyn Shortman, of Bristol, aged 17, and Joanna Coull, of Sunon Coldfield, aged Auckland.

16 - the two youngest members of the England squad for FOR THE RECORD

BIATHLON TAPE: Theren Missiers chemplosshipe: New Second round: Wong Tet Meng (Mail) bt S Butler (Engl. 15-5, 16-15, 18-7; S Bactisley (Engl b. 3 Tweeson (Sew.), 16-11, 15-7; D Hail (Engl bt 4-P Mission) (Dect., 15-2, 15-10; A Mission (Engl) bt P Tearnshimmen (Theil, 18-14, 15-2, Third: remot. 7 Stear-Landoon (Dec) bt Bactisley, 15-6, 15-10; Chang Websong (Tehren) bt Hail, 15-9, 15-8; Noiseen bt Lin Hous Hain (Tahani), 15-10, 18-13, Women: Becomd marks: F Smith (Engl) bt S Janpenski (Thail), 11-5, 11-1; M Timur (Indo) bt H Troke (Engl, 11-8, 11-4). ANTHOR.Z., Enty: World Cop: Near's 10bst sprint: 1. Y Kaschisarov (USSR), 28hoin 50.6 soc; 2. S Tschapkov (USSR), 2654.9: 3. E Kvations (Nort, 28-03.1. Woman's 7-5km aprint: 1, J Administora (CJ), 24-10.5: 2. S Pumpitha (USSR), 24-54.1; 3. S Hydistners (Fin), 24-55.4.

BOWLS COUNTY MATCH: Suffolk 96, Easter 124; Weredolishing 97, Hentfordsching 138. CRICKET

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NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New York island-ers 6, Morared Canadiens 3: Hantinet Whaters 5, Boston Bruins 5 (OTE Chicago Black Hawks 3, Minneacta Notts Sters 1; Edmorato Oilers 6, Winnipeg Jets 3.

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TOMORROW'S

Rory Underwood on the five nations' championship



Linford Christie on his day of drama at the Olympics



Gordon Cowans on Aston Villa's pursuit of Liverpool



END COLUMN

Concern

over a

Chinese

puzzle

By Richard Exton

This weekend, the national

council of the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA)

expects to begin its dis-

cussions on how it might make use of the biggest windfall ever

to land on its doorstep, the

extraordinary Chinese player.

Chen is one of the greatest players of the 1980s and

arguably the greatest exponeut of an attractive yet dying breed — the nimble-footed

But Chen is more than that a player who combines defence

and attack, back spin and top

sain, in such musual rhythms and combinations that it is like

hearing simultaneously new ements of two old songs and finding they unexpectedly

Chen is also a showman and

a thinker, and an easy, warm-

to be unravelled. He had a

out of his hand during his

exploits at the English Open

the person as much as to the

player. There seems little

doubt, therefore, that if every-

thing were to go right, Chen Xinhaa, the fellow from Fa-

the game here has ever seen.

and selected for England as soon as possible after he becomes available in May? To

some people, there are. In-deed, Chen's situation may be

bounced around amid lively

argument before the exact

course of his future is decided.

two weeks ago.

These spectat

away-from-the-table

Chen Xinhua.

A demonstration of troubles to come

Cricket Correspondent

Mike Gatting's breakaway tour squad - the sad, the sour and the simply mercenary men of English cricket — left London for South Africa last night, rejecting a final and very public plea from the antiapartheid movement to abandon their lucrative mission.

They tried to make a dignified exit, even convening a farewell press conference rather than indulge in charades of shamefaced secrecy. But the intentions of Gatting, the captain, and David Graveney, the touring side's player-manager, were compromised by the briefest hint of the resentful opposition to which they must quickly become hardened.

First, a photo-call was interrupted by a woman presenting Gatting with a letter, which at first he refused to accept, from Robert Hughes, the MP for Aberdeen North, chairman of the Anti-Apartheid Movement. Then, as Graveney, Gatting and John Emburey faced the media in a hotel conference room, a second demonstrator loudly berated the captain, taunting him without response until being led away by hotel staff.

There were just three protesters in all. They had arrived together in an old car and they left in high spirits, apparently pleased to have given the players a foretaste of their immediate futures. As demonstrations go, it was a negligible token but its message was not

ture session and seemed on the point of abandoning the denly and cheerfully, the infiltrator agreed to leave. Despite their whereabouts being a



Getting the message: Mike Gatting is confronted with a demonstrator armed with another plea from the Anti-Apartheid Movement at the photo-call yesterday

earthed by those in opposition. It will be the same story, on a larger and more alarming scale, wherever they go in South Africa.

None, however, had a late change of heart. On a perfect, spring-like morning, all 16 chosen men arrived at their hotel in suburban Surrey and, publicly at least, there were no confessions of regret.

Gatting himself came the closest. His square-set features have worn a haunted expression more than once in the past two years and it was closely guarded secret, the again in place yesterday as, engaged in doing any sort of The matter of why Gatting's players had easily been unpale and unsmiling, he condeal is another mystery. The tour contract remains un-

firmed the suspicions of all collapse of negotiations, how- signed was not adequately who know him well. "In truth, I would rather be few signs of relishing.

going to the West Indies with England," he said, before elaborating on the hitherto murky weeks when he debated reversing his decision. "I had some talks with certain members of the Test and County Cricket Board during August. It all fell through because I did not receive certain assur-

Quite what Gatting sought from the board is unclear. Quite why the board was

ever, condemned this disillusioned man to a role he shows

Glib dilpomacy is foreign to him, hence his unguarded and oft repeated admission, back in August, that he knew very little about apartheid. Yesterday, he was anxious to point out that he had been swotting up on the subject. As so often with this essentially straightforward sportsman, a political statement sounded

explained. "I have their word and they have mine. That should be good enough," he said, but his further claim that the problem stemmed from his late recruitment holds no water. Greg Thomas and Allan Wells were added to the party a month later and their contracts are signed.

Gatting has received threats, some of them ugly, as have many of the players. He has had the windows of his north London home re-

matches will be interrupted. arrive, none of us can properly judge the mood."

The players have not prac-"We will have people coming on the field for sure. I just hope that they protest peacetised together during their fully and they are dealt with preparations. Graveney feared

Graveney's eloquence and standing in the game has given credibility to the venture. He has insisted on a team uniform and he will insist on discipline. Now, he spoke for his players on the safety fear. "We all read the papers. We are human beings and we are obviously concerned. We would have to be a bit strange

peacefully?

demonstrators allow it. And will they win? Gatting fell for it: "Actually," he said, "I don't know much about South Af-

it would be provocative. Now,

they will not be going into the

black townships to coach, for a

very similar reason. With this

decision, one more justifica-

tion for the tour has collapsed.

of money for 26 days of cricket

in seven weeks -- if the

All they are left with is a lot

Legal hurdle fails to halt Gatting

Mike Gatting and John Emburey were cleared to fly to South Africa by two High Court judges yesterday. Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Nolan quashed summonses by Marylebone magistrates requiring the cricketers to attend the trial of eight demonstrators who held up a match at Lord's.

This is not due to held until January 25, which would have meant the captain missing the opening match.

There were about a dozen demonstrators at Heathrow airport to see the team off last night. "Is this is what you call a demonstration?" Gatting asked, adding that he had no qualms about going.



Chen: awaits celebrity status will relate to him, despite his televised heroics at the Open. If so, the likely proposal from the ETTA chairman, John Prean, that Chen be required

ground. There are even some who question whether, at the age of 30 this month, he is really a long-term prospect. What some of Chen's sceptics appear to have over-looked is that, because he was ordered to throw matches as

punishment, with Graham part of China's commu philosophy, he sees himself as an under-achiever. He might Robinson, who refereed the have been world champion. He has dreams to be resurrected. There are also those who

1986 FA Cup final when Liverpool beat Everton 3-1, said he had no comment to question Chen's comm of Europe. Will the lure of the

Robinson requested a per-

Robinson escaped further

on this occasion".

Formula One race planned for Donington

Donington Park is planning to host its first official Formula One motor race since 1938 at Easter. Tom Wheatcroft, owner of the Derbyshire circuit, has been negotiating with the Formula One Constructors' Association to stage the

The proposal was discussed at a meeting of Formula One team directors in London last week and a decision is ex-

The race would not be part

event on May 13. Donington hosted the British Grand Prix from 1935 to

to have a British passport as well as satisfy the ITTF two-year domicile rule, may gain

ambitions once he has a passport which will free him to come and go to the more affluent table tennis countries lucre prove too strong? Does he have a genuine loyalty to his adopted homeland?

Two new developments may give some answers to those questions. On Sunday, Chen is giving his services to 40 disabled players at a sports hall in Preston. Free, gratis and for nothing. This does not seem like the action of a financial opportunist and, this week, he has been housebunting in Chesterfield.

He wants to move to take bim nearer to a mucleus of players, including Alan Cooke, Desmond Donglas and Bradley Billington, who could provide important practice. And also to be closer to a new business partner, who hopes to set Chen up with several deals as coach and entertainer in British holiday camps

All this hints at long-term economic and athletic planning in this country, and suggests that he may be taken on trust. But the battle to win bearts and minds is not over. Xinhua apparently means New China. Will he be accepted as part of the New England?

Bacher rejects an offer of compromise

From Richard Streeton

few hours before Mike Gatting and his team left London, the National Sports Congress (NSC) made a final, unsuccessful appeal to the South African Cricket Union SACU) here yesterday to abandon the tour. In return the NSC said it believed it would be feasible, within six months, to negotiate the formation of one organization for South African cricket, uniting all

"It is not too late even at this stage to cancel the tour and I want to reiterate the offer I first made last October," Krish Naidoo, the NSC general secretary, said. "There is a lot of goodwill on our side but it can only be diminished by

the tour, which will also lower Shortly before Naidoo made could degenerate into violence for the cricket authorities support for SACU's dev- his final appeal, Dr Ali has brought an early warning alone. elopment work in the town- Bacher, SACU's managing from General Johan van der SACU has finally disclosed the tour, which will also lower

Cricket Board. "We would be prepared to start talking immediately and unification could be completed within six months. This tour can only be a step backwards for South African cricket."

The NSC is the sporting arm of the Mass Democratic Movement and has emerged as the most active opponents of the tour. Naidoo will be among an estimated 1,500 demonstrators expected to be protesting at the airport today when the English players ar-

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Bacher, SACU's managing from General Johan van der director, had confirmed that Merwe, South Africa's police Naidoo said there were only nothing would stop the tour the two governing bodies for from going ahead. He knew of from his Pretoria office said cricket in the Republic, the the NSC's proposal, as well as SACU and the South African others from those opposing the would be viewed extremely

> He said be appreciated that his own future was at stake and the tour and the difficult decisions involved with it had affected him emotionally. Nobody, though, could guarantee what lay ahead politically in the coming year. "I weighed everying up and have no qualms that the wrong de-cision has been made," he

> Meanwhile, the possibility that the continuous actions of anti-apartheid protestors

standing outside the com-

mittee room for 45 minutes

before he was given the news

of his deselection by Brian

general committee in the ab-

he immediately left. It was an

undignified retreat for the

man who took on a position

no one else wanted in 1985

fter the new committee,

which overturned Yorkshire's

Close, acting chairman of the

ence of Brian Walsh, QC, and

commissioner. A statement seriously.

The police would not besitate to take "drastic action" against the perpetrators or those who behaved in a manner which could lead to violence. "I wish to assure the public that the police will perform their duty actively and purposefully in order to protect spectators and players," the statement said.

Elsewhere, in Pretoria a Government spokesman declined to comment on the tour, which, it was felt, was a matter

SACU has finally disclosed how the forthcoming seven-week tour will be financed. In recent months there has been speculation that SACU were hard pressed to find sponsors. and other protests which ensued after the involvement of the First National Bank and other businesses in the tour by an international rugby union side last August.

To avoid firms being subjected to a repetition of this, Dr Bacher said the SACU had rejected the sponsorship offers it had received and would rely solely on gate receipts and the sale of television rights. The Government's controversial tax release for firms sponsor-

way I have been treated," he

said yesterday. "I have always

made it clear that I would not

stay where I was not wanted,

but to be left standing about

for three quarters of an hour

made me feel as though I were

on the carpet. I cannot but

think there was a more digni-

fied way to go about things if I

was not wanted. I really am

ing sport would therefore not

million rand (about £1 million). SACU expected about 200,000 people would watch the games and hoped to obtain two million rand from this source after the provincial union staging the match had taken 12.5 per cent for administrative costs.

The other two million rand needed would come from a deal with the state-owned South African television service which would show 80 hours of live cricket. Should gate receipts exceed the predicted amount, these and any other profit would be ploughed back into the game at lower levels. No direct Government subsidy was involved in the tour at all.

President is deselected

FA decides referee acted improperly

By Dennis Signy

Alan Robinson, the first se- November which resulted in nior referee to be called before both clubs being fined. the Football Association's disciplinary committee, was "bitterly disappointed" when Kelly, the chief executive of the was found guilty yesterday the FA, saying: "Having reof "improper behaviour" at a gard to all the circumstances two-hour hearing at Lancaster there will be no further action Robinson, aged 52, the pub-

lic relations officer for the Referees' Association, said he the three-man commission make. "I might say something found the case against him I might regret in future. I am approved. The offence related bitterly disappointed over it to statements made by Robin- all." at Highbury between Arsenal refuted the charge, which was

would consider an appeal after son in an article in a national newspaper following the game sonal hearing and vigorously and Norwich City last brought by the FA.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Finance chief Tycoon to resigns from Universiade aid Games

The head of finance for the company organizing the World Student Games, to be held in Sheffield next year, has resigned, it was disclosed yesterday (Peter Davenport writes). An official announcement said that Danny Simson, who had been with Universiade GB Ltd for 15 months, had left his post for "personal reasons" to return to his family at their home in Edingburgh.

Simson was appointed by Peter Burns, the company's former chief executive, who was dismissed shortly before Christmas.

It was acknowledged by sources close to the company last night that, although there was no question of any wrongdoing in connection with the finances, Simson had felt under pressure because of the Britain and Ireland by Wilcriticism of the financial running of the company.

By Martin Searby Viscount Mountgarret, the approaching men of similar

man who "beat the bat" in a stature. call for unity in Yorkshire cricket, will not be nominated at his first AGM when he told a packed meeting in a Leeds as president of the club for a further term at next month's hotel: "Hailsham rang the bell annual general meeting for Britain and I'm beating the bat for Yorkshire." following a debate at Head-

But if the committee ingley. But if the committee

Lord Mountgarret was left wanted a puppet Mountgarret was the wrong man; he took centre stage, as he put it, knocking a few heads together" to get a common-sense approach to the county's problems

His style ruffled a number of feathers but he made an immense contribution as the county entered a decade of new optimism with a cricket manager and a young captain. "I am saddened and very old guard, spent six months hurt rather than angry at the

astonished by such an extraordinary behaviour." The Yorkshire committee clearly wants a president who is prepared to be a mere figurehead and keep his nose out of the club's affairs.

Yorkshire had no comment to make on Lord Mountgarret's demise but the committee will meet on Sunday to consider a nomination to put before the AGM

Hong Kong (AFP) - A Hong Kong business tycoon has donated 10 million Hong Kong dollars (about £788,000) for the Asian Games in Peking in spite of boycott calls from students in protest at the Tiananmen Square massacre Of June 4.

Li Ka-shing has extensive business links in China and has contributed to various projects, including a university and hospital in his hometown of Shantou, in southern

Scramble in

A new competition for amateur golfers, making use of the scramble format, is to be launched this year in Great liam Teacher and Sons in association with Golf World.



Big break

James Wattana, the Thai snooker professional playing in his first season, has been given a one-year £50,000 contract, with a further one-year option, to endorse Nescafé coffee. When able to do so, Wattana will wear the company's logo on his waistcoat, and his manager, Tom Moran, will press for a change of rules to permit him to do so in

Prize winner

Lawrie Madden, aged 34, the long-serving Sheffield Wednesday defender, is to receive an MA degree in leisure management from Sheffield University tonight. Madden already holds a BA in economics from Manchester University and a diploma in market research from North-East London Polytechnic.

Bears play

Birmingham's team for the International League of American Football, which gets under way in April, will be known as Birmingham Bears.

Boxing shrine The thatched cottage where

Bob Fitzsimmons, Britain's only world heavyweight champion, was born, is to be turned into a boxing museum after being sold at a knocktelevised British tournaments. down price of £34,000.

meeting on April 15 and 16.

pected shortly.

of the World Championship, but could expect to attract a top-class entry, as it would fill a long gap in the championship calendar between the Brazilian Grand Prix on March 25 and the San Marino

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